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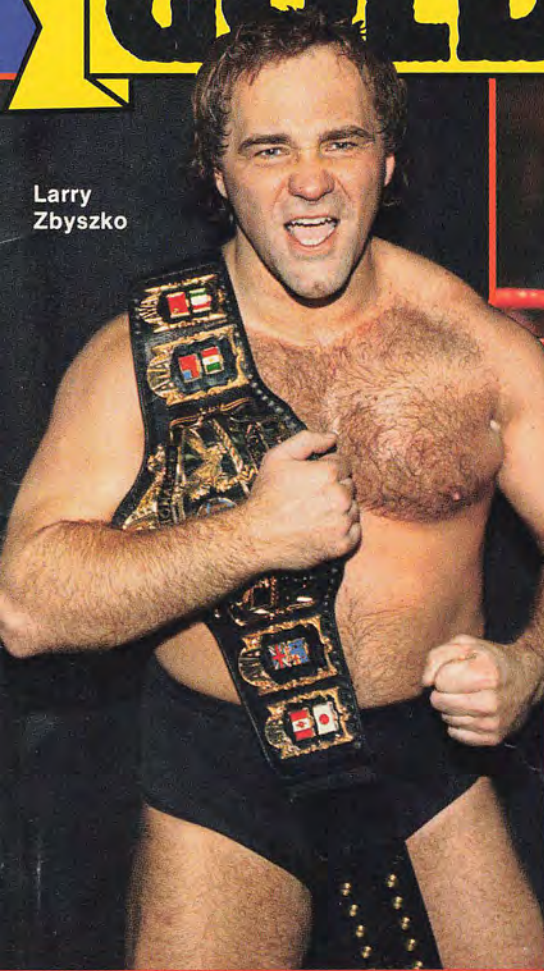
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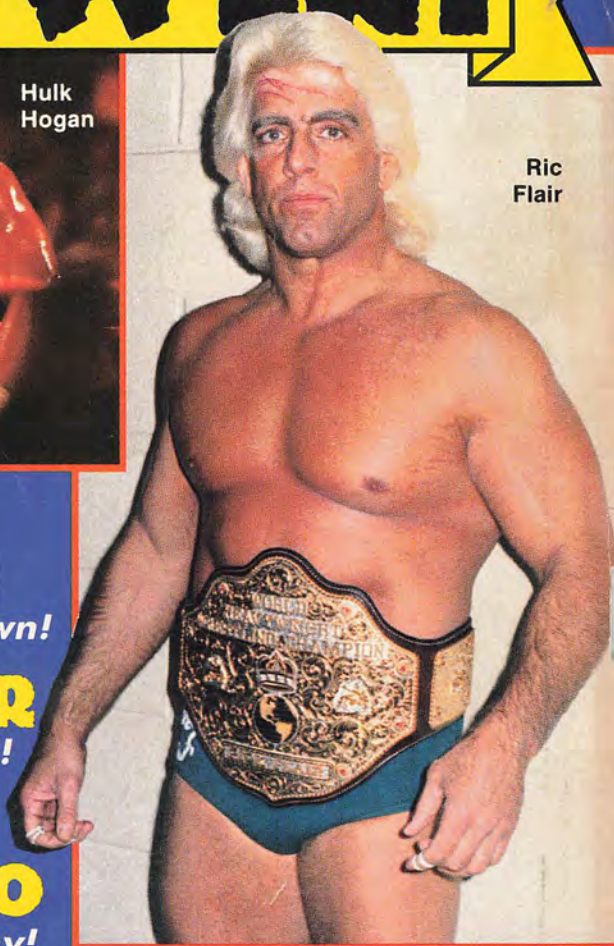
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**HULK  
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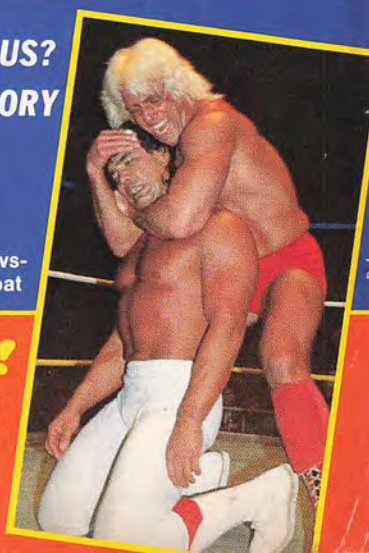
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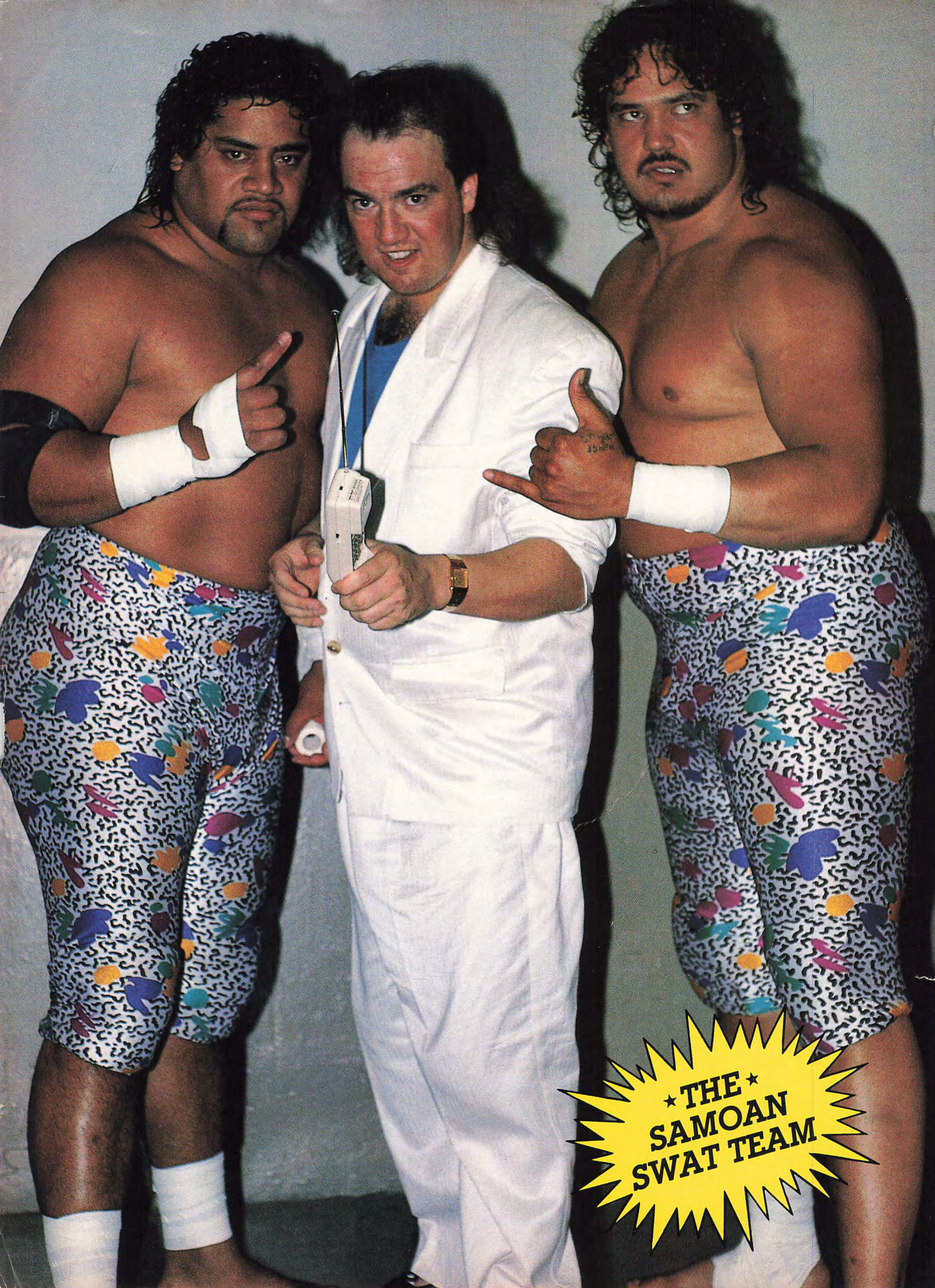
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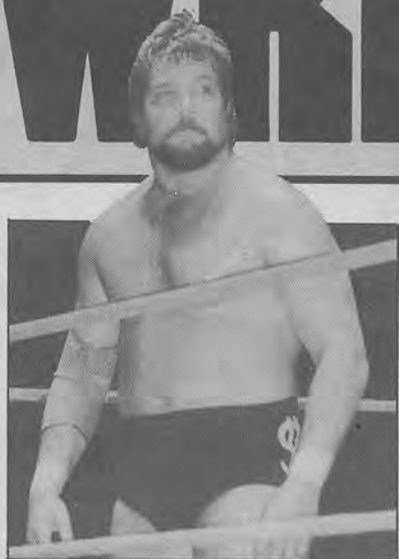
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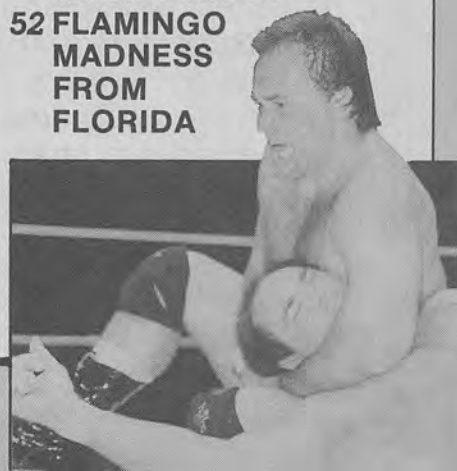
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**BY FRANK AMATO**

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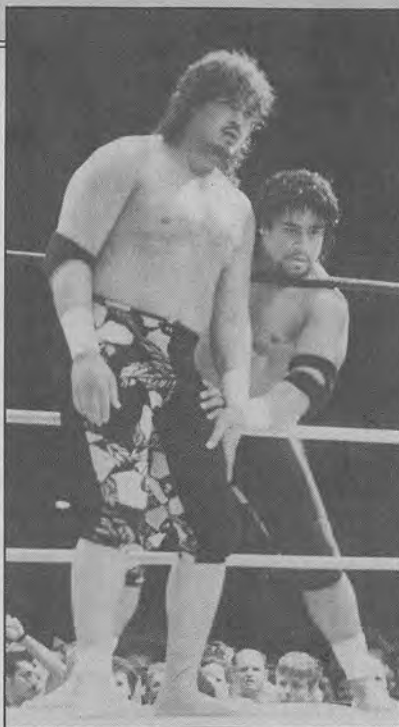
**T**his editorial was unscheduled, but, due to recent events, it was added to provide you, the readers, on what transpired on May 7, in Nashville, Tennessee during **WAR GAMES 89. CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING** was going to press as this story broke, so this was the only way to give the lowdown on the star-studded extravaganza promoted by **TED TURNER** and the **NWA**. This event was broadcast via Pay-Per-View and what was witnessed made history, and changed the current outlook of the NWA, for months to come. There were five championship matches, with **RICKY "THE DRAGON" STEAMBOAT** defending his NWA World Heavyweight Championship against former champion **RIC FLAIR**. This match was billed as the last chance Flair would have to regain his lost laurels. Three

judges were at ringside to cast their ballots every fifteen minutes while the match was in progress. This was just in case the match went to the full time limit, the ballots would decide a winner. The judges were **LOU THESZ**; **PAT O'CONNOR** and **TERRY FUNK**; all former NWA World Champions. After the first fifteen minutes Steamboat had all three votes. The next vote had Steamboat with four votes, Flair two. This balloting became academic as Flair rolled Steamboat for the pinfall victory at about the thirty two minute mark. For Flair, it became the sixth time, as champion, thus earning him a tie with Thesz. Steamboat raised Flair's hand and then shook his hand, in a gentlemanly gesture.

Then chaos arose with Terry Funk entering the ring to congratulate Flair. Funk, then surprised Flair by issuing a challenge for the gold. Flair, in a quiet manner, told Funk this wasn't possible, as Funk had not been



RICKY "THE DRAGON" STEAMBOAT



SAMOAN SWAT TEAM



STING

THE GREAT MUTA

wrestling of late, making movies. Funk then said he was only kidding and shook Flair's hand. In the same motion, Funk punched Flair, and threw him out of the ring. Now Funk went seemingly berserk, pummeling Flair without letup. Funk then administered a vicious Piledriver to Flair on a wooden press table. Not satisfied, Funk then threw this table onto Flair, then used a metal chair across the head of Flair, who was half under the table. Flair was left unconscious, as Funk was led back to the dressing room area. This unwarranted action by Funk will have severe ramifications concerning Flair. It will not be surprising to see Flair adopt a much different attitude about himself, and become a fan favorite.

Another title change took place when **MICHAEL HAYES** received outside help from **TERRY GORDY** to defeat **LEX LUGER** for the U.S. Championship ... **THE ROAD WARRIORS** were winners when

World Tag Team Champions **STEVE "DR. DEATH" WILLIAMS** and **MIKE ROTUNDA** got disqualified by special referee **NIKITA KOLOFF**, when **KEVIN SULLIVAN** and **DANGEROUS DAN SPIVEY** interfered by attacking Koloff. The NWA immediately stripped the belts from Williams and Rotunda. A tournament was scheduled to determine the new champions, set for Baltimore in late July ... **STING** used his Scorpion Deathlock to beat **THE IRON SHEIK**, in defense of his World TV Championship ... **DICK MURDOCH** was victorious over **BOB ORTON** in a Texas Bullrope Match ... **THE GREAT MUTA** beat **RANGER ROSS** ... **THE DYNAMIC DUDES** bested **THE SAMOAN SWAT TEAM** ... **EDDIE GILBERT** and **RICK STEINER** were winners in defense of their U.S. Tag Team Belts over **KEVIN SULLIVAN** and **DANGEROUS DAN SPIVEY**. ■

# WRESTLING

*Get the inside lowdown on your favorite mat stars ... All the hottest rumors, the latest feuds, where they are wrestling and who are the champions in the sport of professional wrestling.*

BY FRANK AMATO

**W**elcome once again to Championship Wrestling. It sure is great to be back. The action across the country and to foreign shores has been hot and heavy. So let's get on with the news as of May 2 ... Dateline Japan: April 16, Korakuen Hall, Tokyo. **SHINICHI NAKANO** took the All Japan Jr. Heavyweight Championship from **MASANOBU FUCHI**, but on April 20, in Osaka, Fuchi dropped the belt to **MITSUO MOMOTA** ... April 18, in Tokyo **JUMBO TSURUTA** put up his All Japan International Championship against **STAN HANSEN** the PWF and United National Champion in a winner take all match. Tsuruta pinned Hansen to take possession of all three belts, thus unified these titles ... On April 24, in the Tokyo Dome 53,800 fans witnessed '89 Battle Satellite supercard where Russia, Japan and America competed. **BIG VAN VADER (LEON WHITE)** captured the IWGP Championship from **SHINYA HASHIMOTO** in the finals of a titanic

**LEX LUGER** is feuding with **MICHAEL HAYES** in NWA. This photo shows them in happier friendly times.

tournament. Vader went through **MA-SAHIRO CHONO** first, then beat **TATSUMI FUJINAMI**, to enter the finals. - Vader was presented with a trophy and a check for \$100,000.00 yen ... On this same card **SHOTA CHOCHY ASHVILLI** from Russia beat **ANTONIO INKI** with a Backdrop. Shota won Inoki's Martial Arts Belt, a sports car and a check for \$100,000.00 yen ... AWA World Heavyweight Champion **LARRY ZBYSZKO** has been busy defending against **SGT. SLAUGHTER** and **CHIEF WAHOO McDANIEL** ... **STING** has been wearing the NWA World TV Belt

**ANTONIO INOKI** squares off against **SHOTA CHOCHYASHVILLI**



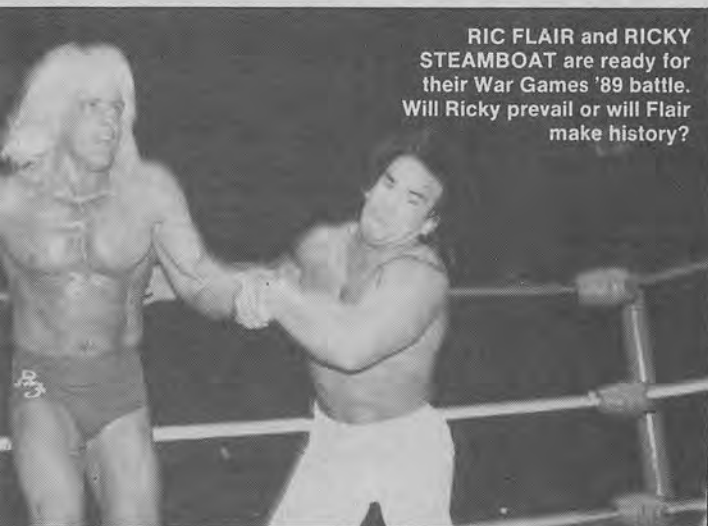
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# HEADLINES



since his impressive pinfall victory over **MIKE ROTUNDA** on April 1. **THE IRON SHEIK** and **THE GREAT MUTA** have been eyeing Sting's strap... **DUSTY RHODES** took the PWF Belt from **U.S. STEELE** in Florida Championship Wrestling on March 11. Because of legalities Steel is now known as **BIG STEELE MAN**... On this same card **AL "LATIN**



**RIC FLAIR** and **RICKY STEAMBOAT** are ready for their War Games '89 battle. Will Ricky prevail or will Flair make history?



**"HEARTTHROB" PEREZ** captured the Florida Title from **MIKE GRAHAM**... **DUSTIN RHODES**, son of Dusty, had a very successful tour of Japan, but is back in FCW... **GREG VALENTINE** sent **RONNIE GARVIN** into retirement after pinning him during a special Loser Must Retire Match. Garvin was immediately designated as special trouble shooting referee for WWF. Garvin says, "I'll make sure these so-called tough guys toe the mark,

or they will taste my Hands of Stone wallop!... **RICKY "THE DRAGON"**

**STEAMBOAT** made a successful tour of Japan and now awaits his big match with **RIC FLAIR** set for May 7, in Nashville, Tennessee during War Games '89. Steamboat defends his NWA World Heavyweight Championship against Flair, who must win or never receive another title match. If this match goes the time limit the NWA has three former NWA Champions set as judges, to cast ballots every 15 minutes. Whoever receives a majority vote wins. The three judges are **TERRY FUNK**; **LOU THESZ** and **PAT O'CONNOR**! Ironically, should Flair regain the gold, he will tie Thesz as six-time world champion. In case you have forgotten, **HARLEY RACE** holds the record at seven... **HULK HOGAN** has been busy defending his newly won WWF World Heavyweight Belt against former champion **RANDY SAVAGE** and **BIG BOSS MAN**. Hogan's new venture, a movie titled No Hold Bared is due for release on June 2. **STAN HANSEN** is also featured. Hogan's adversary in this flick is a black actor called **ZEUS**, who stands 6'10" and over 300 pounds. Zeus has made spot appearances of TV and arenas. Don't look now but the WWF will be pushing for a Hogan against Zeus for Summer Slam '89, set for The Meadowlands in late August. Can you



**STEVE "DR. DEATH" WILLIAMS** and **MIKE ROTUNDA** of **THE VARSITY CLUB** are feuding with **THE ROAD WARRIORS**.

imagine an actor actually beating Hogan for the belt? It can only happen in the WWF... **PLAYBOY BUDDY ROSE** has a valet called **TAMMI** in the Pacific Northwest. Tammi has been throwing herself in front of Rose to protect him, when things look bleak for her man... **BUDDY ROBERTS** has been managing **BEAUTY & THE BEAST** in WCCW. Buddy is feuding with **JEFF JARRETT & PERCY PRINGLE**... **BARRY WINDHAM** is back in Florida for FCW, his hand is OK... **WENDELL COOLEY** has the CWF Title after beating **DR. TOM PRITCHARD**. Cooley has Pritchard and **DIRTY DUTCH MANTELL** hot on his trail... **KEN PATERA & BRAD RHEINGANS**, **THE**

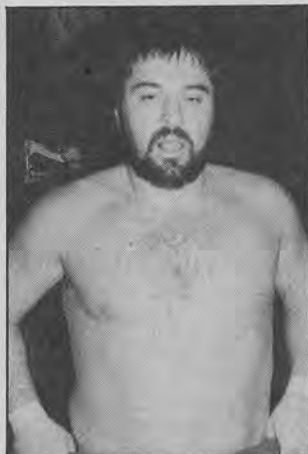
# HEADLINES

**OLYMPIANS** are the new AWA World Tag Team Champions. They upset **BADD COMPANY** for the belts. **PAUL DIAMON** blames **PAT TANAKA** and manager **DIAMOND DALLAS PAGE** for the loss. So far they are still teaming, but things are quite thin between them ... **SUPERFLY JIMMY SNUKA** should be making appearances for the WWF. He may already be in as you read this ... **KILLER CARL STILES** took the PNW Championship from **THE GRAPPLER**. Stiles also holds the TV Title in the Pacific Northwest ... East Coast ICW Champ is **TONY ATLAS**, who has adopted a villainous attitude ... **STEVE & SHAUN SIMPSON** hold the WCCW Tag Team Belts ... **TERRY FUNK** has returned to active wrestling in FCW. Terry

**DUSTY RHODES** has the PWF Title in Florida and is feuding with **TERRY FUNK**.



has become embroiled into a hot feud with former arch rival **DUSTY RHODES** ... **LUSCIOUS JOHNNY VALIANT** has turned up as manager in the AWA. His new tag team duo is **THE DESTRUCTION CREW, MEAN MIKE ENOS & WAYNE "THE TRAIN" BLOOM**. Bloom has issued a challenge to **KEN PATERA** in feats of strength. Valiant is seeking



**ERIC EMBRY** won the WCCW Texas Title from Gorgeous Gary Young and in the same match Young had to leave Texas. Or did he?

a title match against Patera & Brad Rheingans ... Atlantic Coast Wrestling (ACW) has a new champion in **DOUG SOMMERS** ... **RAVISHING RANDY ROSE** is feuding with **PAUL E. DANGEROUSLY** in NWA. So far Rose has not been successful against **JACK "SECRET AGENT" VICTORY**. Paul E. also manages the dangerous duo **SAMOAN SWAT TEAM, SAMU & TAFU** ... **RICK MARTEL** is feuding with former tag team partner **TITO SANTANA** in WWF. Martel is being managed by **SLICK** ... **GARY HART**



manages **THE GREAT MUTA & BOB ORTON** in NWA. Muta is a martial arts expert. His ring maneuvers must be seen to be believed. Orton is feuding with **DICK MURDOCH** ... **SAM HOUSTON** is in ACW. **BABY DOLL** is doing color commentary for their TV ... **THE SOUTHERN ROCKERS, STEVE DOLL & SCOTT PETERSON** are back together after splitting up and feuding. Steve & Scott also regained the PNW Tag Team Belts. They also dumped on **SCOTTY THE BODY**, who was influential in their initial bustup ... **DAVEY BOY SMITH** took the Stampede North American Championship from **DON MURACO** ... **MR. FUJI** is managing **KENDO NAGASAKI** in WWF. Fuji still has **THE BARBARIAN & THE WARLORD** ... **MIKE GEORGE** has the WWA Championship ... **RICKY MORTON** and **WILDFIRE TOMMY RICH** should be in WCCW as you read this

... **VULKHAN & MAKHAN SINGH** hold the Stampede Tag Team Belts ... **HACKSAW JIM DUGGAN** is the new "King" of the WWF after his victory over **HAKU** seen on TV. Haku's manager **BOBBY HEENAN** ran from ringside with the crown and cape, but WWF forced him to return the articles ... **DINO BRAVO** is being managed by **JIMMY HART**. Hart also manages **THE FABULOUS ROUGEAUS** and **HONKY TONK MAN** ... **CARLOS COLON** has the WWC Universal Title ... **DORY DIXON**, the famous **CALYPSO KID**, recently retired. Dory had memorable title clashes with **BUDDY ROGERS** for the NWA Belt in Texas and Madison Square Garden in the early 60's ... **ART BARR** was transformed into **BETELGEUSE** by **ROWDY RODDY PIPER**. Betelgeuse is very popular in PNW areas. Art is the son of former mat star **SANDY BARR** ... **JEFF JARRETT** has the CWA

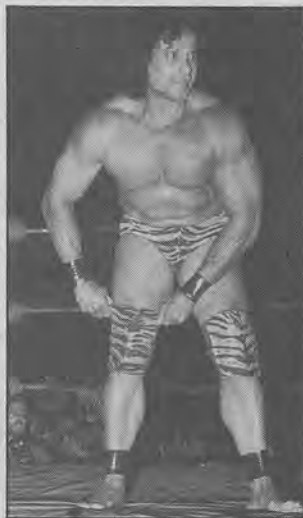
**DIRTY DUTCH MANTELL** is after the CWF Championship.

Championship. Jeff also holds the WCCW World Tag Team Belts with **KERRY "MODERN DAY WARRIOR" VON ERICH ... BLACK BART & HANGMAN BOBBY JAGGERS** lost the FCW Tag Team Belts with **STEVE STRONG** from **THE BATTEN TWINS ... RANDY SAVAGE** dumped **MISS ELIZABETH** and signed **SENSATIONAL SHERRI** as his new manager. Elizabeth said on TV she will still manage **HULK HOGAN ... JOHNNY & DAVEY RICH** hold the CWF Tag Team Belts ... What major FCW star was seen huddling with WWF powers that be? Could there be a giant defection brewing? Our sources say yes ... **DEMOLITION** still remain WWF World Tag Team Champions despite the challenges from **BIG BOSS MAN & AKEEM. AX & SMASH** have held these belts since March of last year! ... The feud between **DERRICK DUKES** and **COL. DeBEERS** in the AWA has come down to Dukes wanting to paint DeBeers with black paint, and DeBeers hopes to paint Dukes white! ... **GENERAL SCANDOR AKBAR** is really causing problems in WCCW. Akbar



**ICEMAN KING PARSONS** is a member of **DEVASTATION INC.** in WCCW.

has beefed up his **DEVASTATION INC.** with **ICEMAN KING PARSONS, CACTUS JACK MANSON, KILLER TIM BROOKS, BRICKHOUSE BROWN, BATSWANIA BEAST** and soon to arrive **KIMALA!** Also Akbar has a masked grappler called **ZODIAK**, who fans feel is **GORGEOUS GARY YOUNG**. Young had lost a Loser Leave Town Match to **ERIC EMBRY** inside a Steel Cage. This victory gave Embry the Texas Title. Akbar now has had WCCW official **FRANK DUSEK** suspended! It seems Dusek had Akbar suspended but Akbar managed somehow to reverse the tables on Dusek ... Is that **BRIAN ADAMS** under a mask as **THE MIDNIGHT SOLDIER** in the PNW? ... Yes, that is **TERRY FUNK** in the movie **Road House**, that stars **PATRICK SWAYZE ... LEX LUGER** has a hot feud



**SUPERFLY JIMMY SNUKA** is ready for action in the WWF.

with **MICHAEL HAYES** in the NWA. **FREEBIRD TERRY GORDY** is expected in the NWA very soon ... **JIM CORNETTE & THE MIDNIGHT EXPRESS, STAN LANE & BOBBY EATON** left the NWA. This trio are being mulling offers from promoters everywhere. Word is the CWF has the inside track ... **THE BUSHWACKERS, LUKE & BUTCH**, have been besting



**FRANK AMATO**, Senior Editor for Championship Wrestling, helps **RICKY "THE DRAGON" STEAMBOAT** strap on his NWA World Heavyweight Belt.

**THE BRAINBUSTERS, TULLY BLANCHARD & ARN ANDERSON** in WWF. Why is manager **BOBBY HEENAN** holding Tully & Arn back in challenging for the tag belts? ... **TRACY SMOTHERS & JON PAUL** hold the CWA Tag Team Belts ... **BRUNO SAMMARTINO** was a guest on a radio show, Pro Wrestling Spotlight, hosted by John Arezzi. Bruno had scathing comments about the WWF. The program can be heard on 1440 AM, 6-8 evenings on Sundays, on Long Island, N.Y. ... Another wrestling radio show is Sunday mornings 3 to 4:30 am, hosted by Rich Mancuso and Jody McDonald, heard on 66 WFAN station ... **MATT BORNE** is back in WCCW ... **THE ROAD WARRIORS** and **THE VARSITY CLUB** still haven't settled their feud in NWA. **STEVE WILLIAMS & MIKE ROTUNDA** hold the World

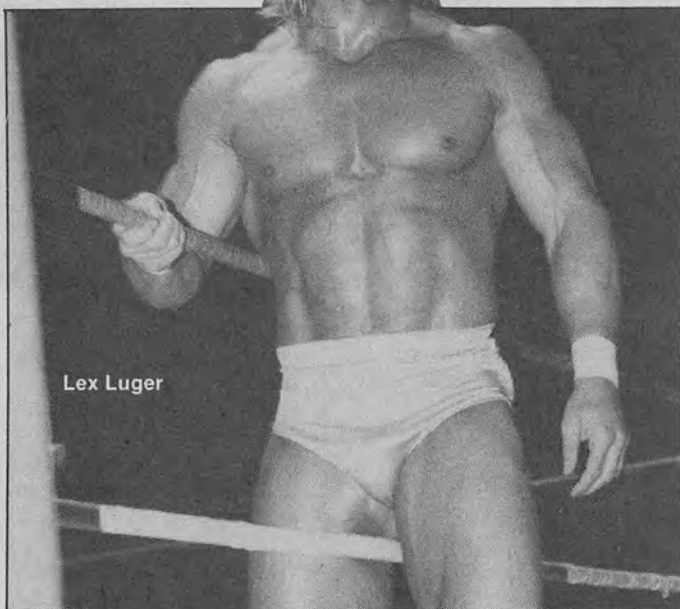
Tag Belts. That could change during War Games '89 on May 7. **NIKITA KOLOFF** was designated as special referee for this one ... **BIG JOHN STUDD & ANDRE THE GIANT** are feuding in WWF ... **THE DYNAMIC DUDES, JOHNNY ACE & SHANE DOUGLAS** are making big strides in NWA ... **THE FANTASTICS, TOMMY ROGERS & BOBBY FULTON** may be headed for FCW ... **WENDI RICHTER** has the AWA Women's Title ... Latest word is the AWA and FCW have agreed to combine some talent, plus shows. **LARRY ZBYSZKO** will defend his AWA strap against **MIKE GRAHAM** in Florida ... Is **HIRO MATSUDA** whispering in the ear of a big fan favorite in NWA? Is **KING KONG BUNDY** ready for another WWF go-round? That is the word we get ... This concludes my column for this issue. Why not drop a line and let me know what is happening in your area? Send to **FRANK AMATO, 80 COUNTISBURY AVENUE, VALLEY STREAM, NY 11580.** ■

# Championship Wrestling's RATINGS

*Who's hot! Who's not! The favorites of the fans and the wrestlers and managers that the fans most dislike!*

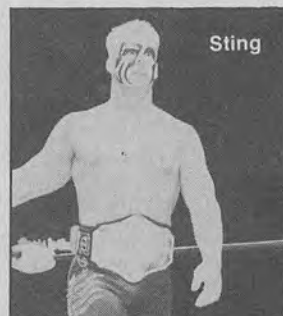
## NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE (NWA)

WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: **RIC FLAIR**  
U.S. CHAMPION: **MICHAEL HAYES**  
WORLD TV CHAMPION: **STING**  
WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: **VACANT**  
U.S. TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: **EDDIE GILBERT & RICK STEINER**



Lex Luger

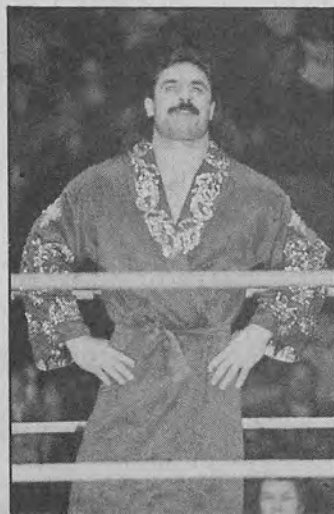
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10. RICK STEINER



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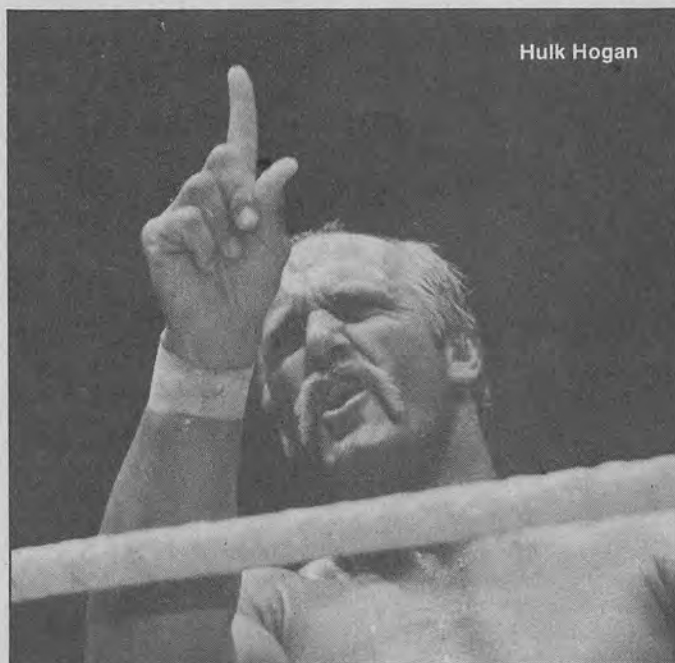
## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION (WWF)

WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: **HULK HOGAN**  
INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPION: **RAVISHING RICK RUDE**  
WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: **DEMOLITION**



1. RANDY SAVAGE
2. BIG BOSS MAN
3. CURT HENNIG
4. THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR
5. BRUTUS BEEFCAKE
6. ANDRE THE GIANT
7. BIG JOHN STUDD
8. HACKSAW JIM DUGGAN
9. JAKE ROBERTS
10. BAD NEWS BROWN

Ravishing Rick Rude



Hulk Hogan

## AMERICAN WRESTLING ASSOCIATION (AWA)

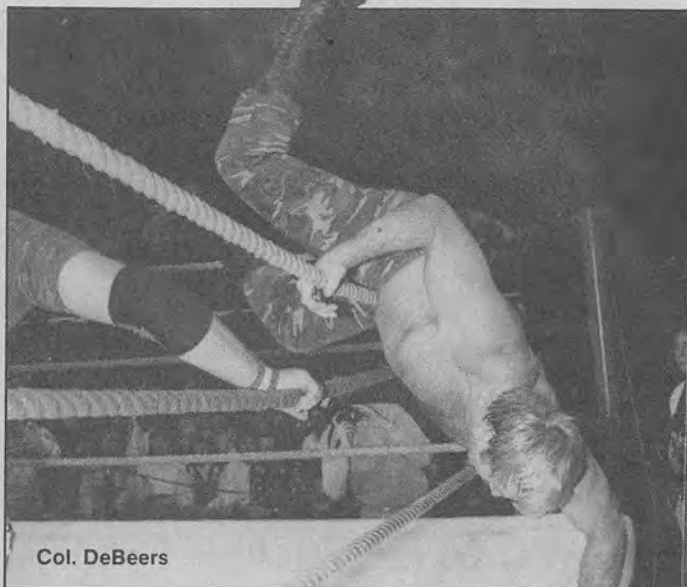
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WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: **KEN PATERA—BRAD RHEINGANS (THE OLYMPIANS)**



1. SGT. SLAUGHTER
2. CHIEF WAHOO  
McDANIEL
3. GREG GAGNE
4. COL. DeBEERS
5. KEN PATERA
6. AKIO SATO
7. DERRICK DUKES
8. TOMMY JAMMER
9. PAUL DIAMOND
10. RICKY RICE



Col. DeBeers

## WORLD CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING (WCCW)

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WORLD CLASS CHAMPION: **VACANT**

WORLD CLASS TEXAS CHAMPION: **ERIC EMBRY**

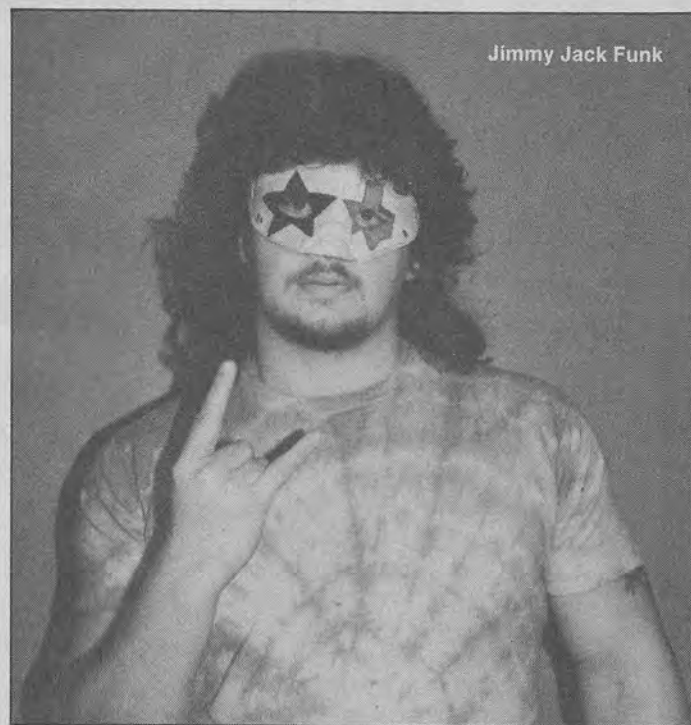
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WORLD LIGHTHEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: **VACANT**

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3. JEFF JARRETT
4. GENTLEMAN CHRIS ADAMS
5. BATSWANIA BEAST
6. ERIC EMBRY
7. BRICKHOUSE BROWN
8. ICEMAN KING PARSONS
9. KEVIN VON ERICH
10. JIMMY JACK FUNK

Chris Adams



Jimmy Jack Funk

## CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING ALLIANCE (CWA)

WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: **JERRY LAWLER**

CWA CHAMPION: **JEFF JARRETT**

CWA TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: **ROBERT FULLER—JIMMY GOLDEN**

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| 1. DUTCH MANTELL  | 6. JED GRUNDY     |
| 2. WENDELL COOLEY | 7. ROBERT FULLER  |
| 3. BILL DUNDEE    | 8. BRIAN LEE      |
| 4. SCOTT STEINER  | 9. SID VICIOUS    |
| 5. BUDDY LANDELL  | 10. ROBERT GIBSON |



Robert Gibson



Jerry Lawler

## CONTINENTAL WRESTLING FEDERATION (CWF)

WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: **JERRY LAWLER**

CWF CHAMPION: **WENDELL COOLEY**

CWF TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: **JOHNNY—DAVEY RICH**

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| 1. BRAD ARMSTRONG | 6. MASA CHONO     |
| 2. DOYG FURNAS    | 7. ALAN MARTIN    |
| 3. DANNY DAVIS    | 8. WILLIE B. HERT |
| 4. TONY ANTHONY   | 9. JOHNNY RICH    |
| 5. THE BULLETT    | 10. DAVEY RICH    |

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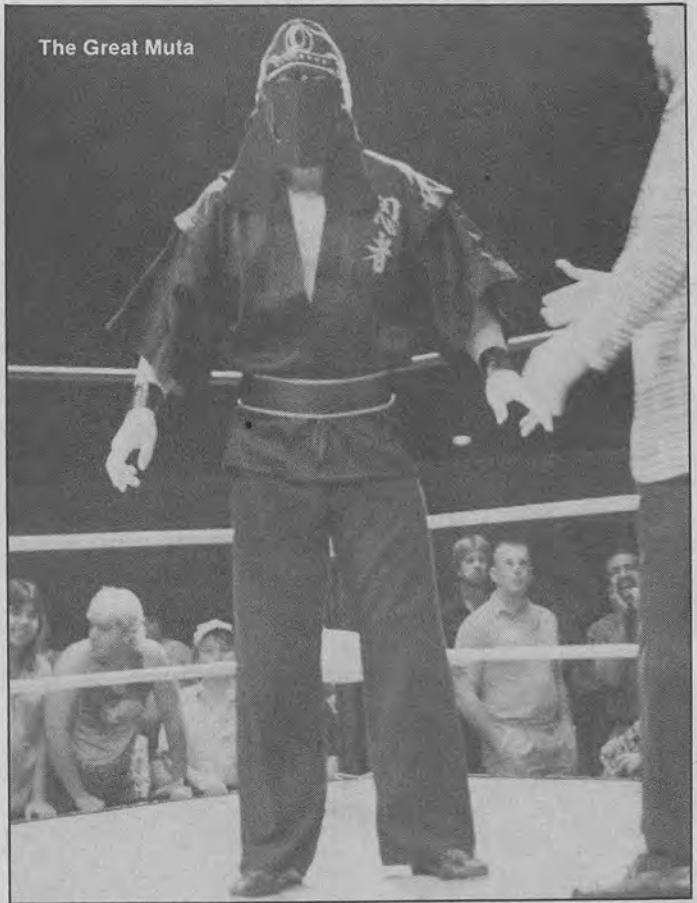
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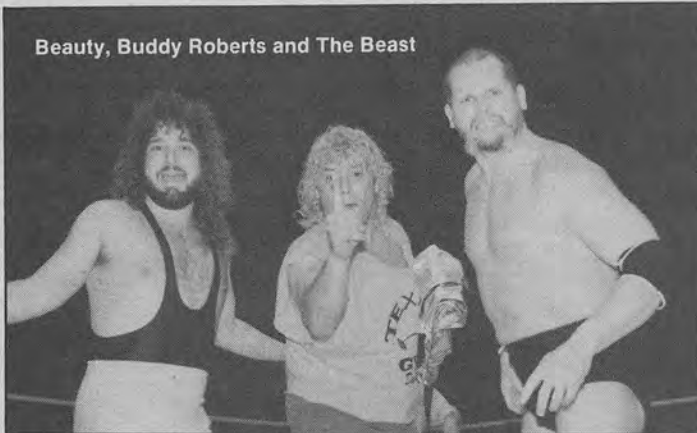
TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: **STEVE DOLL & SCOTT PETERSON**

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| 1. THE GRAPPLER       | 6. BETELGEUSE       |
| 2. NORD THE BARBARIAN | 7. COL. DeBEERS     |
| 3. SCOTT PETERSON     | 8. TOP GUN          |
| 4. SCOTTY THE BODY    | 9. MIDNIGHT SOLDIER |
| 5. STEVE DOLL         | 10. AL MADRIL       |

The Great Muta



Beauty, Buddy Roberts and The Beast



## TOP TEN TAG TEAMS

1. THE ROAD WARRIORS (ANIMAL & HAWK)
2. DEMOLITION (AX & SMASH)
3. KEN PATERA & BRAD RHEINGANS (THE OLYMPIANS)
4. KERRY VON ERICH & JEFF JARRETT
5. JOHNNY & DAVEY RICH
6. EDDIE GILBERT & RICK STEINER
7. BOBBY JAGGERS & BLACK BART (SOUTHERN FORCE)
8. STEVEN WILLIAMS & MIKE ROTUNDA
9. THE SAMOAN SWAT TEAM (SAMU & TAFU)
10. THE SOUTHERN ROCKERS (STEVE DOLL & SCOTT PETERSON)

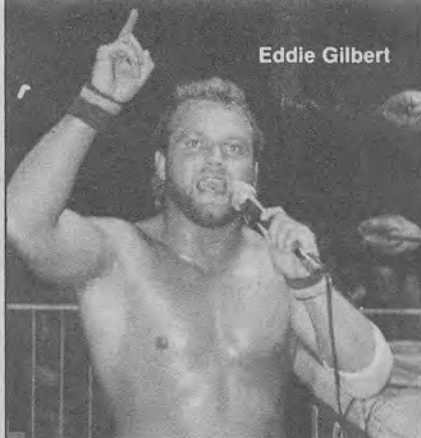
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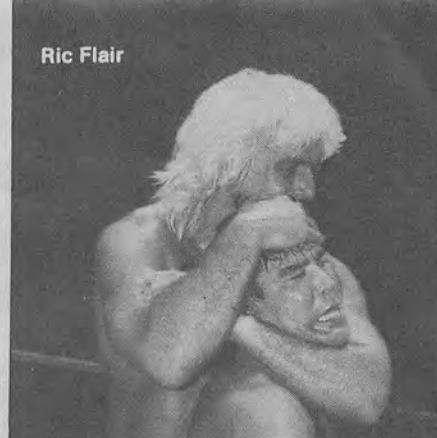
General Scandor Akbar and  
Gorgeous Gary Young

## TOP TEN WRESTLERS

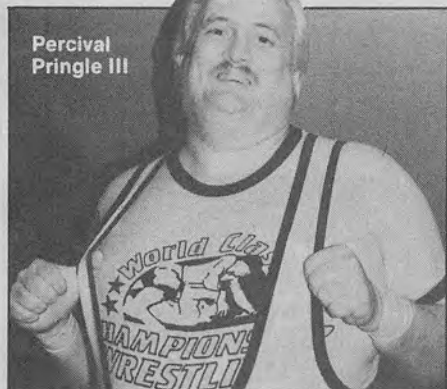
1. RICKY STEAMBOAT
2. HULK HOGAN
3. RIC FLAIR
4. RANDY SAVAGE
5. JERRY LAWLER
6. LEX LUGER
7. LARRY ZBYSZKO
8. STING
9. THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR
10. KERRY VON ERICH



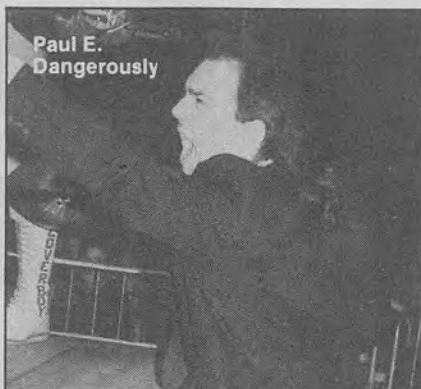
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Ric Flair



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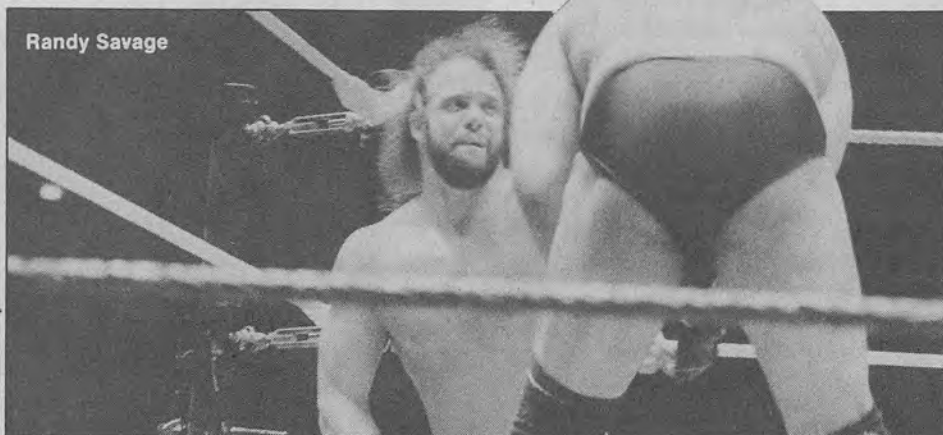
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Dangerously

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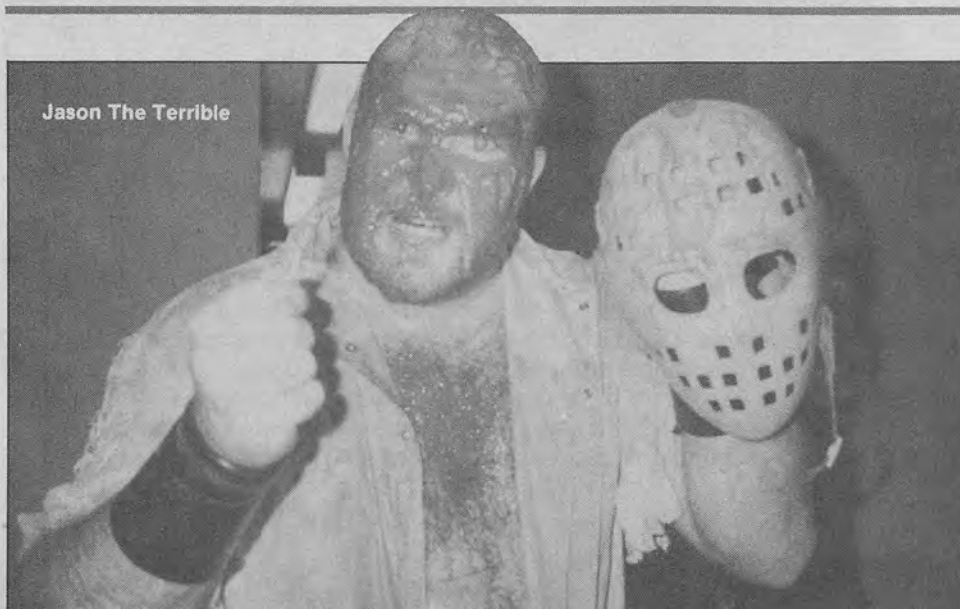
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2. GENERAL SCANDOR AKBAR
3. PAUL E. DANGEROUSLY
4. PRECIOUS PAUL ELLERING
5. SLICK
6. GARY HART
7. CHICKIE STARR
8. HIRO MATSUDA
9. JIM CORNETTE
10. DIAMOND DALLAS PAGE

## TEN MOST POPULAR WRESTLERS

1. HULK HOGAN
2. RICKY STEAMBOAT
3. KERRY VON ERICH
4. LEX LUGER
5. SGT. SLAUGHTER
6. JEFF JARRETT
7. THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR
8. ERIC EMBRY
9. STING
10. CARLOS COLON



Randy Savage



Jason The Terrible

## TEN MOST UNPOPULAR WRESTLERS

1. RANDY SAVAGE
2. RIC FLAIR
3. LARRY ZBYSZKO
4. RAVISHING RICK RUDE
5. KEVIN SULLIVAN
6. BIG BOSS MAN
7. CACTUS JACK MANSON
8. MICHAEL P.S. HAYES
9. COL. DeBEERS
10. JASON THE TERRIBLE



The Road Warriors, The Legion Of Doom want their belts back.

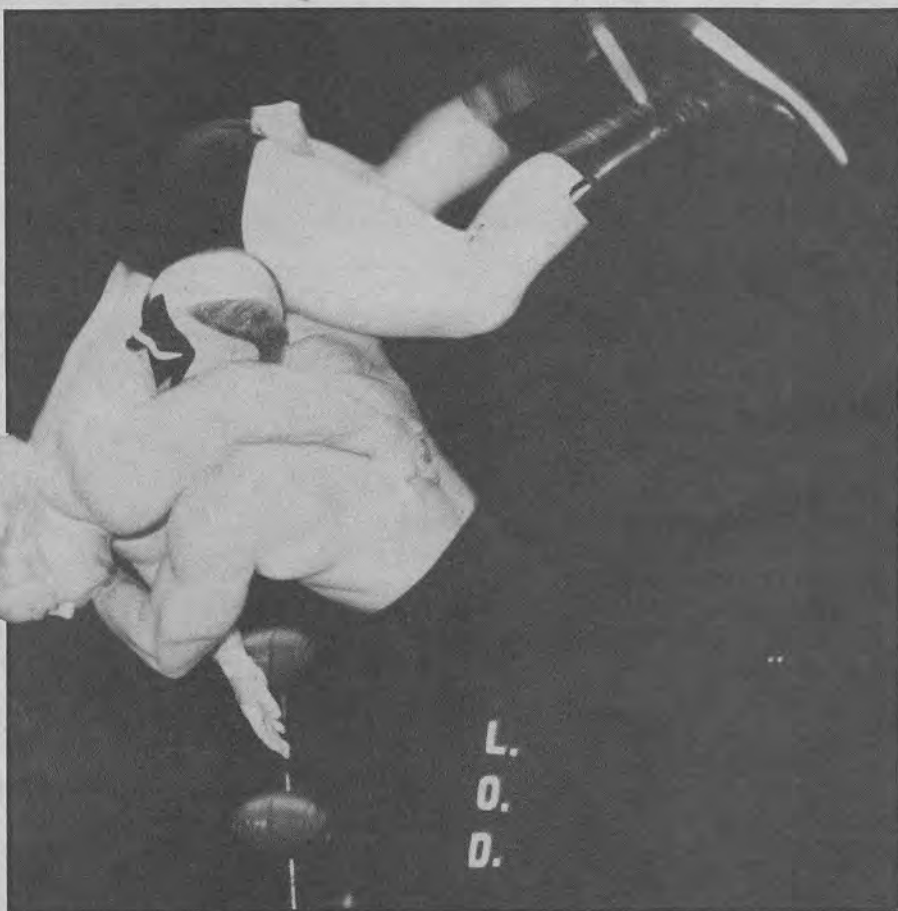
# WHICH TAG WILL REIGN

## THE ROAD WARRIORS OR THE

BY ERIC TORREZ

**T**he battle rages on between two tag teams in the National Wrestling Alliance, for the supremacy of which tag team is the very best. On one side there is Animal and Hawk, The Road Warriors. They are also known as The Legion Of Doom. The reverse side has Mike Rotunda and Steve Williams, members of The Varsity Club. Animal and Hawk are guided by their ever present manager Precious Paul Ellering. Gamesmaster Kevin Sullivan is coach/advisor/manager for Williams and Rotunda. Too, there is Dangerous Danny Spivey to roundout said Varsity Club. As Championship Wrestling goes to press, Williams and Rotunda reign as NWA World Tag Team Champions. The Road Warriors are the former champions who seek revenge, and hopefully regain their lost laurels.

Which tag team is the very best can be argued for hours on end. Most consider The Road Warriors the best tag team in all of wrestling. Their ring record seems to bare this out. Twice National Tag Team Champions; Three times NWA World Six Man Tag Team Champions currently held with Genichiro Tenryu. Dusty Rhodes was the third member the other two times; AWA World Tag



Road Warrior Hawk Bodyslams Gamesmaster Kevin Sullivan.

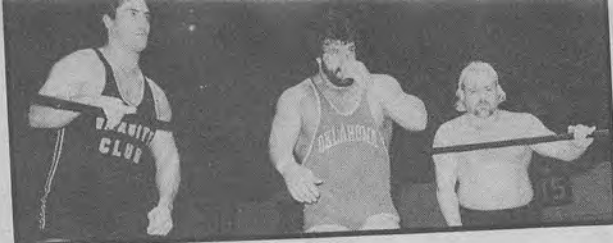
Team Champions; International Tag Team Champions of Japan. The Road Warriors have dominated the better part of the 80's. More often than not have been voted Tag Team of the Year. One cannot argue with these impressive credentials. Moreover,

The Road Warriors have been often imitated by other tag teams in ring style and ring attire.

Precious Paul Ellering says, "Imitation is considered a form of flattery, but when it comes down to the best, there is only one Legion Of Doom. I have been with Animal and Hawk from the beginning. I trust them and they

# TEAM SUPREME?

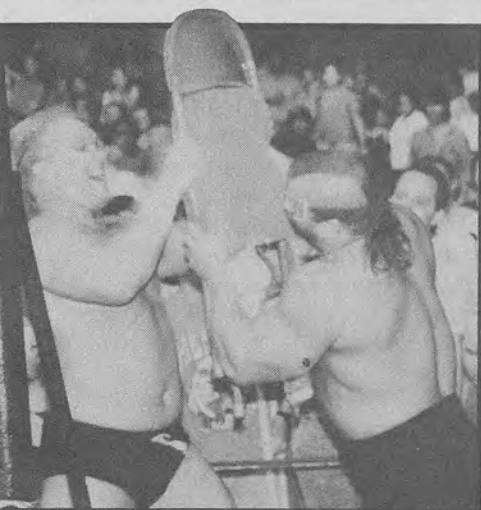
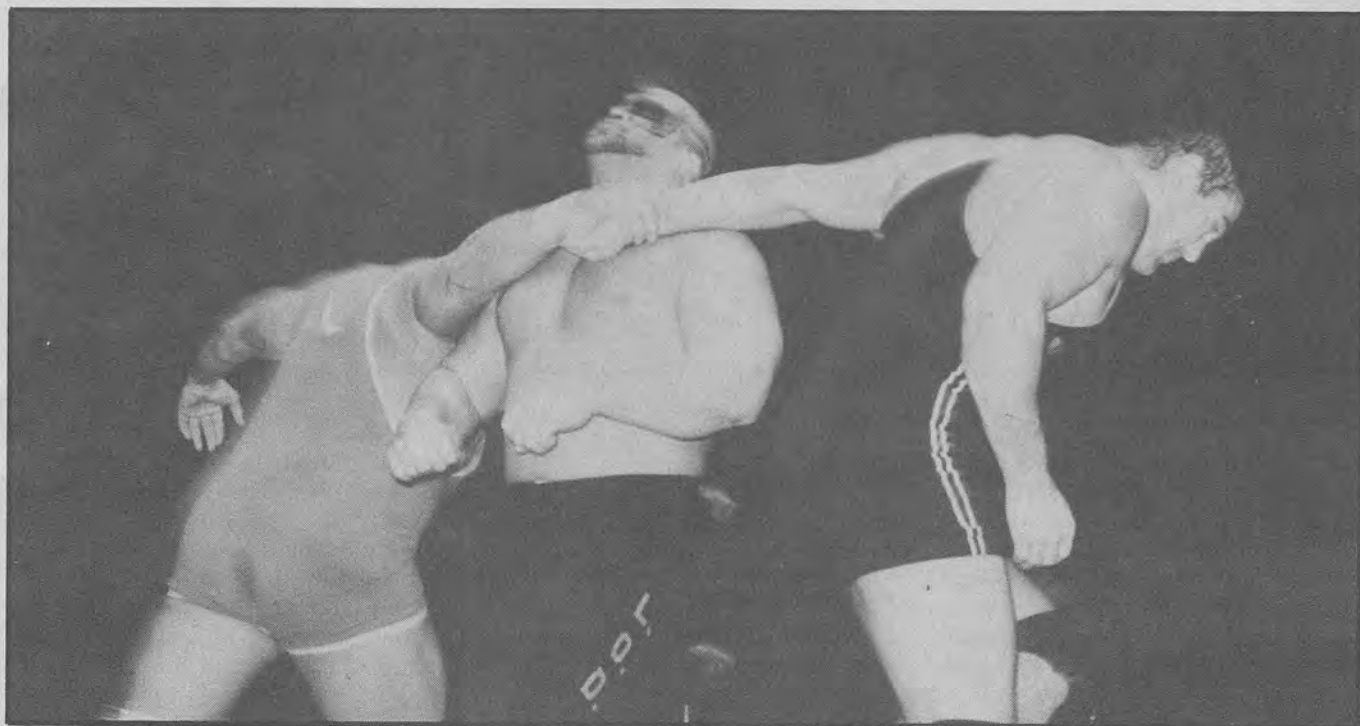
## VARSITY CLUB



Mike Rotunda, Steve Williams and Kevin Sullivan are ready for action.

The Road Warriors say they are the best tag team in wrestling.

The Varsity Club claim they are. The NWA rocks from their battle for supremacy!



Road Warriors Animal uses a metal chair on Dangerous Danny Spivey.

Mike Rotunda and Steve Williams catch Road Warrior Animal with a double Clothesline.

trust me. I've been asked by other tag teams to manage them, but you don't leave the best. The Legion Of Doom get better and better as time goes on. We have yet to reach our full potential. Our peak hasn't been obtained, so you must admit to what our limits can be achieved. The sky is the limit and worlds to conquer. Right now Mike Rotunda and Steve Williams have our belts, and we will conquer them. We will stop at nothing to regain what is rightfully ours. We were robbed of our championship. Not by Williams

and Rotunda so much. They had help in that dumb referee Teddy Long. Rotunda and Williams are damn good, but not in the same class as "The Legion Of Doom."

Road Warrior Hawk at 6'2" and 275 pounds is livid with rage at what happened to him during Clash Of The Champions IV, Ragin Cajun on April 2, in New Orleans. Hawk says loudly, "That puke who calls himself a referee cost us the belts. I had Rotunda pinned and he stood in the corner ignoring me. I yelled at him and he looked the other way. When I turned to him to find out why, I was caught from behind by Rotunda and this puke counts the



Steve Williams has Road Warrior Hawk caught firmly in this hold.



Road Warrior Animal has Steve Williams ready for a Powerslam.

pin. This reeks of collusion."

Road Warrior Animal screamed, "Nobody, but nobody can beat The Legion Of Doom, even on our worse night. Rotunda and Williams had that referee in their hip pocket. All they waited for was the right moment. There are weird and not so funny things going on in the NWA. One thing is for sure and that is this Teddy Long will never referee any of our matches ever again. Another thing, if anyone thinks Hawk and myself were nasty before, well just wait and see fireworks explode from now on."

Gamesmaster Kevin Sullivan was smiling that evil grin of his and said, "The Varsity Club proved we are the best. We have the belts to prove it. Everyone thinks The Road Warriors were unbeatable, but you saw differently. The Varsity Club is the best, the smartest, and most cunning. Look at the record since last year. Mike Rotunda was two times World TV Champion. "Dr. Death" Steve Williams and myself were U.S. Tag Team Champions. We drove out



Kevin Sullivan gives Precious Paul Ellering a Piledriver, with help from Steve Williams and Mike Rotunda.

Gorgeous Jimmy Garvin and Precious. We dumped excess baggage in Rick Steiner. We helped send The Fantastics

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packing. While everyone got weaker, we became stronger. Soon we will destroy Eddie Gilbert and Rick Steiner, along with that Missy Hyatt. We will also help



Road Warrior Animal halts Kevin Sullivan with a flying bodyblock.

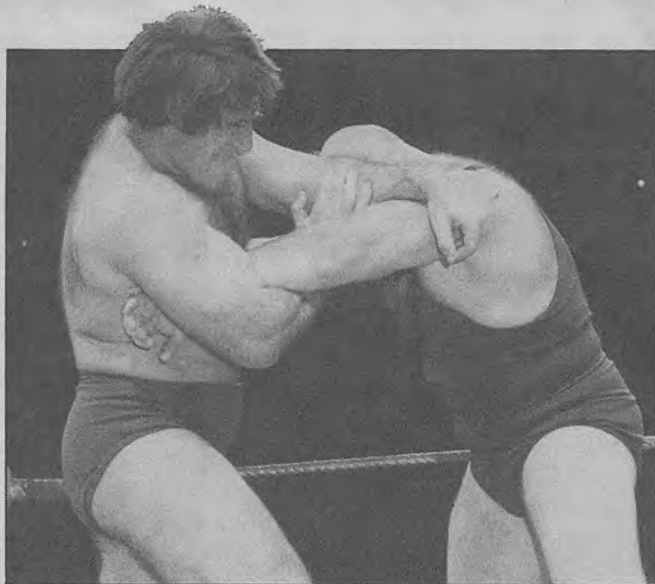
rename Animal and Hawk as The Legion Of Doomed."

Kevin Sullivan smiled once again and said, "There are others which The Varsity Club are after. Lex Luger and Sting are next. They have the U.S. Championship and World TV Championship. They are two big fish in the pond. Last, but not least is Ricky Steamboat who wears the World Heavyweight Championship. Steve has been begging me to get him Steamboat. Mike wants his title back from Sting, but he would like that belt from Luger. Dangerous Danny Spivey wants his chances at any of them. One by one they all will fall. The first priority is The Road Warriors. We are going to prove to the world that The Varsity Club will reign supreme. The next few months will be mighty interesting here in the NWA."

One cannot deny the intensity of The Varsity Club. A little over one year ago there was trouble within their circle. Rick Steiner and Mike Rotunda weren't getting along. Sullivan pushed him out and took in Steve Williams. The Varsity Club then became four with Spivey. They have spread mayhem throughout the NWA. How far can they reach? Once the fans were laughing at them. Not today.

The Varsity Club hold the World Tag Team Championship. They won them with outside help. Winning the belts is one thing. Holding them is quite another matter, especially if The Road Warriors are breathing fire. Which tag team will reign supreme? ■

*The Living Legend of Wrestling is retired from active competition, but he always has time for his fans. Bruno proved this recently when he visited a neighborhood in Queens, N.Y., where once stood an arena called Sunnyside Gardens.*



# BRUNO SAMMARTINO

The Living Legend Visits An Old Neighborhood

BY FRANK DIAZ  
PHOTOS BY CARLOS LOPEZ

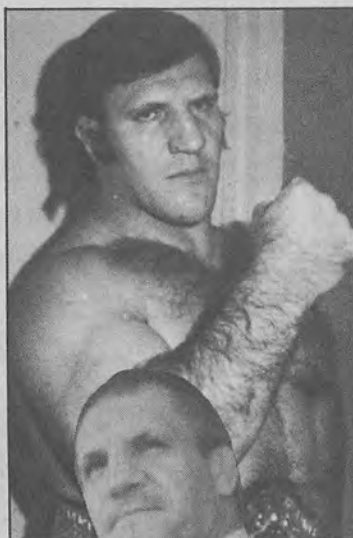
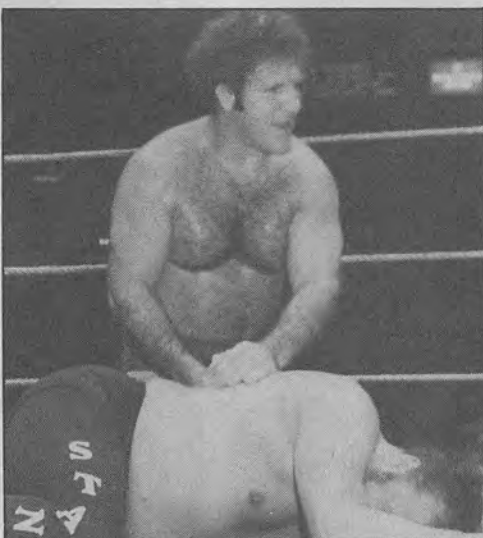
**D**uring the early 40's Frank Sinatra had a hit song called "On The Street Where You Live." Many of us grow up and move away from our old neighborhood. I'm sure there are some of us who go back and see how the old neighborhood is doing. Recently, Bruno Sammartino went back to an old friendly neighborhood. No, Bruno did not grow up in this neighborhood. Well ... in a way he did. The neighborhood in question is in the Sunnyside area of Queens, New York. It goes from Greenpoint Avenue at 42nd Street to 47th Street. What was so special about this five-block area that made The Living Legend of Wrestling travel from Pittsburgh, Pa. to this area? It is gone now, the building that was called Sunnyside Gardens. The building may be gone, but the memories live on, for the fans, and for Bruno.

The cop on the beat gets his autograph from his favorite wrestler.



# BRUNO

The event was The Sunnyside Street Fair, sponsored by Gateway Community Restoration Corporation, on May 20, Bruno was there to be with his great wrestling fans. To reminiscence about years gone by. Sunnyside Gardens was an arena that housed countless wrestling and boxing cards. For Bruno, his early wrestling career had him on many of these cards. Later, as WWF World Champion, he defended his



Sammartino stands upon the stage to answer the questions by his fans.

That is former mat great Angelo Savoldi, and Mrs. Georgiann Makropoulas with Bruno.



The Champ, Bruno Sammartino shows Frank Diaz his original WWF Championship Belt.



Bruno Sammartino tells the fans about some of his more historic matches at Sunnyside Gardens Arena.

title to sold-out houses. The matches Bruno so fondly and vividly remembers were against Buddy "Nature Boy" Rogers. On his way back to the airport Bruno said, "There was this one particular bout with Rogers in 1961, when Rogers was the NWA Champion. Back then I relied more on my power moves. I was

hold. I knew Rogers gave up but I had been disqualified seconds before. Rogers beat me with quick thinking."

At the fair, Bruno went among the fans, talking with them, posing

for photos. At one point he stood upon a stage and with microphone in hand, answered questions from the throng of fans. Later, sitting at a table, Bruno signed autographs. Young and old alike, men, women, children were there to see their hero. On hand to greet Bruno were two old friends. Former wrestling great, now ICW promoter Angelo Savoldi, and Mrs. Georgiann Makropoulas.

Today, Bruno is retired from active wrestling. He does have a telephone gabline, where fans can call and talk to him. Bruno keeps in excellent shape by doing workouts and jogging. He still looks like he can get ready for a match. When Bruno left the fair, well over 500 fans went away happy too. They had seen their hero. They had talked with him, received his autograph, shaken his hand. Bruno was one of them, in a neighborhood bred in memories. As Bruno was being driven to the airport, he sat back smiling, seemingly at peace with himself. "That was very nice," Bruno said very quietly. "I enjoyed being there. I always said that wrestling fans are the greatest fans in the world. My fans came out to see me, even after all these years. It was grand of them to remember me. I don't know who had the bigger thrill, them or me." ■

***Sunnyside Gardens saw Bruno through his beginnings, right on to his championship years. Bruno, the fans, even the cop on the beat, had a great time. Bruno showed why he is still called the Champ by the fans.***

giving Rogers a tough going and Rogers was concerned. He knew how to get under your skin. Well, he got under mine by saying things about me and my Italian heritage. I blew my cool, my Italian temper flared up. I started to batter Rogers all over the ring and then I put my Bearhug on him. Nobody escaped this hold, but unknown to me because of my temper explosion, Rogers had managed to get hold of the ropes and I never heard the referee giving me orders to break the

Bruno Sammartino shakes hands with one of the leaders of the Sunnyside Street Fair.



# LARRY ZBYSZKO

## "NEW AWA CHAMPION REACHES HIS DESTINY"

Larry Zbyszko batters away at Sgt. Slaughter in a title defense.



*He is arrogant, a braggart. He calls himself The Living Legend. He says his destiny was to become world champion. Finally his destiny came true. Larry is willing to prove he is the best*

**BY FRANK AMATO**

**"I**t has been fourteen glorious years for The Living Legend," shouted Larry Zbyszko. "Fourteen glorious years showing and proving what I've been saying all along. I'm the best wrestler in the world. Now I have the AWA World Heavyweight Championship to prove it. I have attained the pinnacle of my career.

I have reached my destiny. I said it all these many great and glorious years that someday I would be world champion. Now I can shout it from the rooftops. I showed all those spudheads out there who is the best."

The dressing room was jammed packed with reporters and photographers from wrestling magazines and newspapers. The cameras were flashing,



The winner and still AWA World Heavyweight Champion Larry Zbyszko.

taperecorders were turned onto catch what Zbyszko was saying. Ten minutes earlier Zbyszko had accomplished his destiny. He had participated in a Battle Royal to determine a new AWA Champion. Nobody can accuse Zbyszko of



Larry Zbyszko gets congratulated by legendary Verne Gagne after his historic victory to become AWA Champion.

dogging it during this Battle Royal. He was there, deep in the trenches, battling away with the seventeen wrestlers who were also signed for this historic match, in St. Paul, Minnesota on February 7. Zbyszko wasn't the odds on favorite, except in his own mind. Zbyszko also knew his chances were as good as anyone else, that anything could happen. All that was needed was luck and self determination. Plus seizing each and every opportunity that presented itself.

There may be wrestling fans reading this article, who must be thinking about Jerry Lawler. Wasn't Lawler the holder of the AWA Belt? They must be thinking about why was Zbyszko in the AWA and not in the NWA. Didn't Zbyszko hold the NWA Western States Heritage Championship? Zbyszko volunteered to clear up the matter. "To start off, I left the NWA in mid-January and gave up the NWA Western States Heritage Championship because I couldn't get Ric Flair to give me my well deserved title chance. I was champion for one year and never received one match with Flair. Nobody ever beat me for my belt. At this time I heard from my lawyers that they managed to get



Larry Zbyszko tries to escape from an infuriated Tom Zenk.

my suspension in the AWA lifted. This suspension was placed against me not long after Curt Hennig had beaten Nick Bockwinkel for the AWA Championship. The AWA suspended me for dumb reasons, and with that I went to the NWA. You know what happened in the AWA after that. Hennig lost the AWA Belt to Jerry Lawler. Later Lawler and Kerry Von Erich had

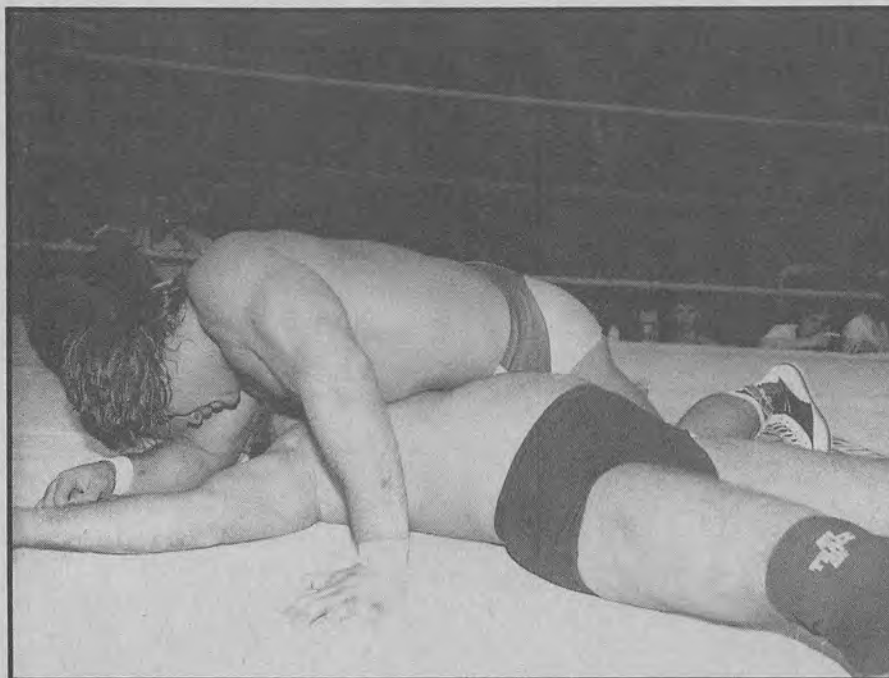
their title unification match in Super Class III and Lawler won. Lawler then failed to honor several signed title defenses and the AWA stripped him of the title. When the AWA signed this Battle Royal it was my golden opportunity to return. My destiny had arrived. I knew it was now or never."

Larry Zbyszko is considered a

# LARRY ZBYSZKO



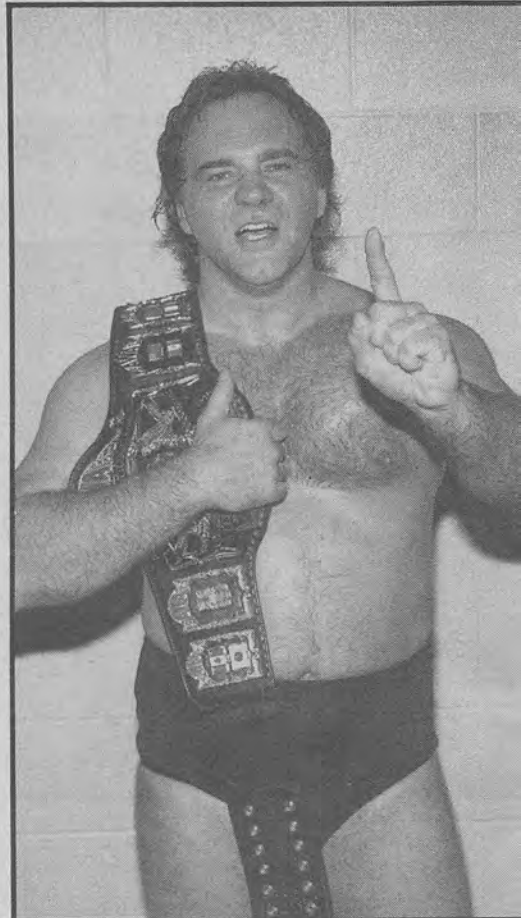
Tom Zenk tried to make Larry Zbyszko a former champion with this Headlock.



Larry Zbyszko is being pinned by Tom Zenk in the Battle Royal, but the referee was hurt and Larry escaped.

loner. He doesn't have many close friends in wrestling, among his peers. He is not one for making close ties. He distrusts those who try to get close with him. To judge from his successful career, one may see why. Zbyszko says, "I remember Killer Kowalski during my boyhood years. Kowalski always said he hadn't friends among wrestlers because someday he would have to wrestle

them, and it would be hard to wrestle a friend. I forgot this when I started wrestling because I was young and listened to those who I thought were friends. Look at Bruno Sammartino when he turned on me. Here was a man I idolized. I patterned my career after his. The man tried to make a



Larry Zbyszko tells Championship Wrestling he's number one after his winning the AWA World Heavyweight Championship.

fool of me. Then there was Tony Garea who turned on me because of what I did to Sammartino. Then there was Nick Bockwinkel who interfered in my match against Greg Gagne. I trusted these wrestlers but they were jealous of me. Look at what happened to their careers, then look at mine. They are all retired, but I'm at the top."

There is no discounting that Larry Zbyszko's had a very successful wrestling career, although highly controversial. Once a fan favorite in the WWF during the 70's, it came to pass that Zbyszko turned away from his fans, his mentor Bruno Sammartino, for what he called 'His Destiny.' Then there was his "buying" the NWA Georgia National Championship from Killer Tim Brooks for \$25,000. Yes, the NWA stripped Zbyszko of this belt for defying the rules, only Zbyszko regained this championship from Mr. Wrestling II, during the finals of a scheduled tournament. In his previous tenure in the AWA during the mid-80's Zbyszko won the

Americas Championship. His wild feuds with Sgt. Slaughter, Bob Backlund, Greg Gagne and AWA Champion Rick Martel. His losing the Americas Belt to Sgt. Slaughter, then his teaming with Nick Bockwinkel which led ultimately to their splitting up and feuding. How can one forget the night Zbyszko was accused of handing a roll of coins to Curt Hennig to knock out Bockwinkel to win the AWA Championship back on May 2, 1987, in San Francisco. How does one forget Zbyszko's useage of those oriental nunchuks as a weapon. Or how Zbyszko had Baby Doll help him achieve his victory over Barry Windham at the Nassau Veterans Coliseum in January of 1988, to win the Western States Heritage Championship.

Larry Zbyszko did attain his destiny during that Battle Royal. it started out with these wrestlers: Tommy Jammer; Steve Ray; Wayne Bloom; Ken Pateria; Akio Sato; Sgt. Slaughter; Manny Fernandez; David Dukes; Ricky Rice; Paul Diamond; Pat Tanaka; Greg Gagne; Mike George; Col. DeBeers; Meaen Mike Enos; Chief Wahoo McDaniel; Tom Zenk and Zbyszko. When the bell sounded, it was every man for himself. One by one they were eliminated. Jammer was the first. Rice came next. So it went with Enos, Bloom, Ray, Patera, Sato, McDaniel, Fernandez, George, Dukes and Rice following in order. It came



Larry Zbyszko tells the fans they are Spudheads after another successful title defense.



Larry Zbyszko is nearly eliminated in the Battle Royal by Ken Patera.

down to six contestants. Gagne came next. So did Tanaka. DeBeers followed who then took Slaughter with him. It was now down to two, Tom Zenk and Larry Zbyszko. The fans were rooting for Zenk, and he gave it his very

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best. It seemed he would emerge the winner. Yet, Zbyszko held on, surviving a near scare by being pinned. Zenk kept up the pressure and attempted a flying Bodypress. Zenk caught Zbyszko chest high and the momentum carried them to the ropes. Luck stayed with Zbyszko as he lifted and tossed Zenk over the top rope. The AWA

had itself a new champion in Larry Zbyszko, like it or not.

Verne Gagne came into the dressing room to congratulate the new champion. There wasn't any doubt that Verne had been secretly rooting for his son Greg, yet, Verne shook Zbyszko's hand. Says Verne Gagne, "The AWA Championship is dear to my heart. I've held this belt many times. Zbyszko must be congratulated for his fine performance. He won within the rules. I know all the others were disappointed, especially young Tom Zenk. Zbyszko has much to live up to as champion. I hope he does the AWA Belt proud."

Larry Zbyszko says, "My destiny is here. I won't run out like Jerry Lawler. I'm the best and I'll put this belt up against anyone. Even the recognized champions of other federations. A new era has arrived as The Living Legend reigns supreme!"

# CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

*On The Road*



# WORLD CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

General Scandor Akbar manages Batswania Beast  
and Killer Tim Brooks of Devastation I.



**GENERAL SCANDOR AKBAR'S DEVASTATION INC. is creating havoc in Texas! Nobody is safe from this devious madman and his Henchmen ... Eric Embry is fighting for his life ... Percy Pringle III wants to settle the score with Akbar ... Gentleman Chris Adams has his hands full with Freebird Buddy Roberts ... Kerry Von Erick is trying to get back in title contention ...**

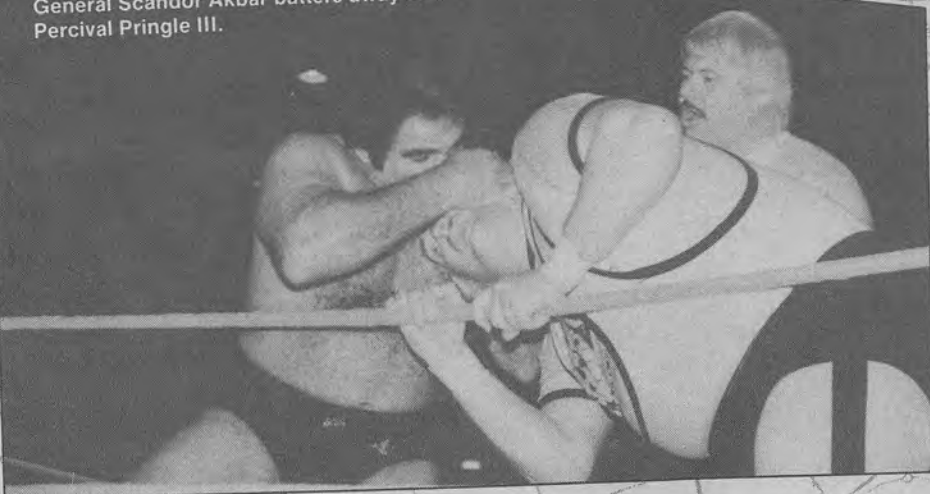
Kevin Von Erich shows off his form which has gained him world recognition.



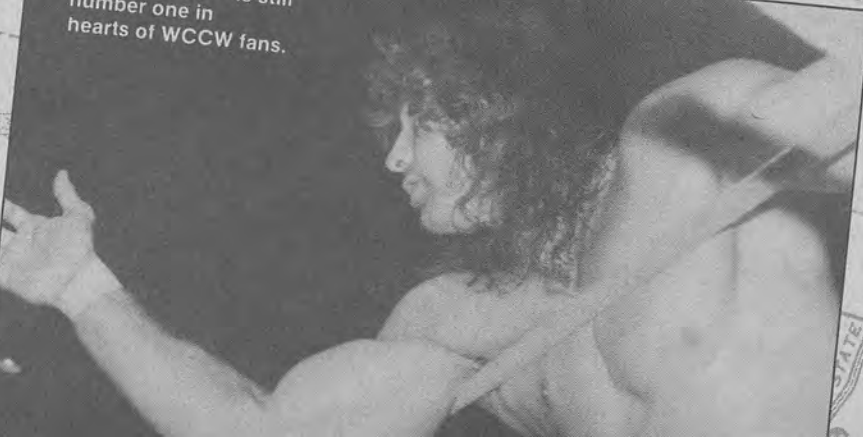
Kevin Von Erich wins another victory.



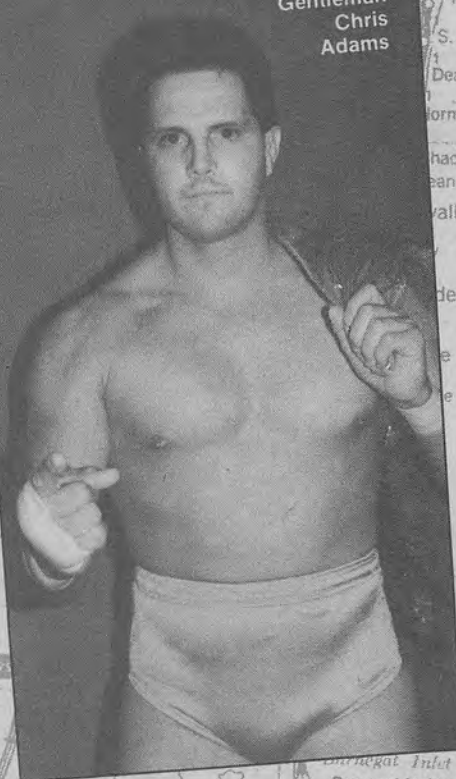
General Scandor Akbar batters away at Percival Pringle III.



Kerry Von Erich is still number one in hearts of WCCW fans.

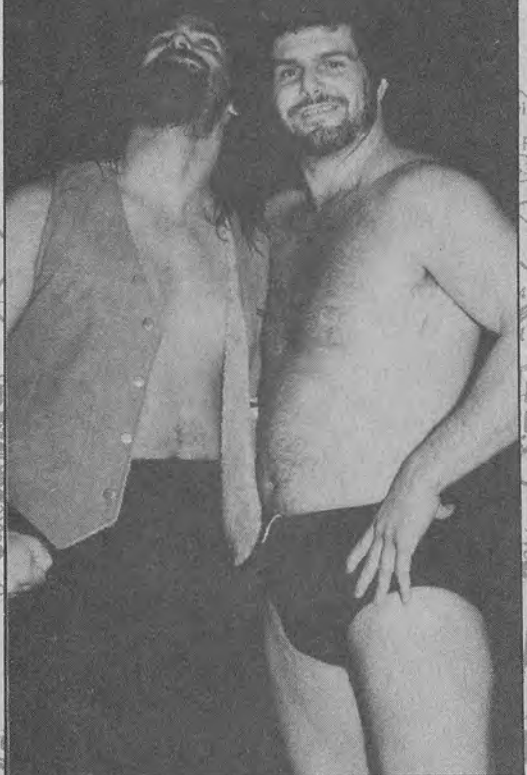


Gentleman Chris Adams

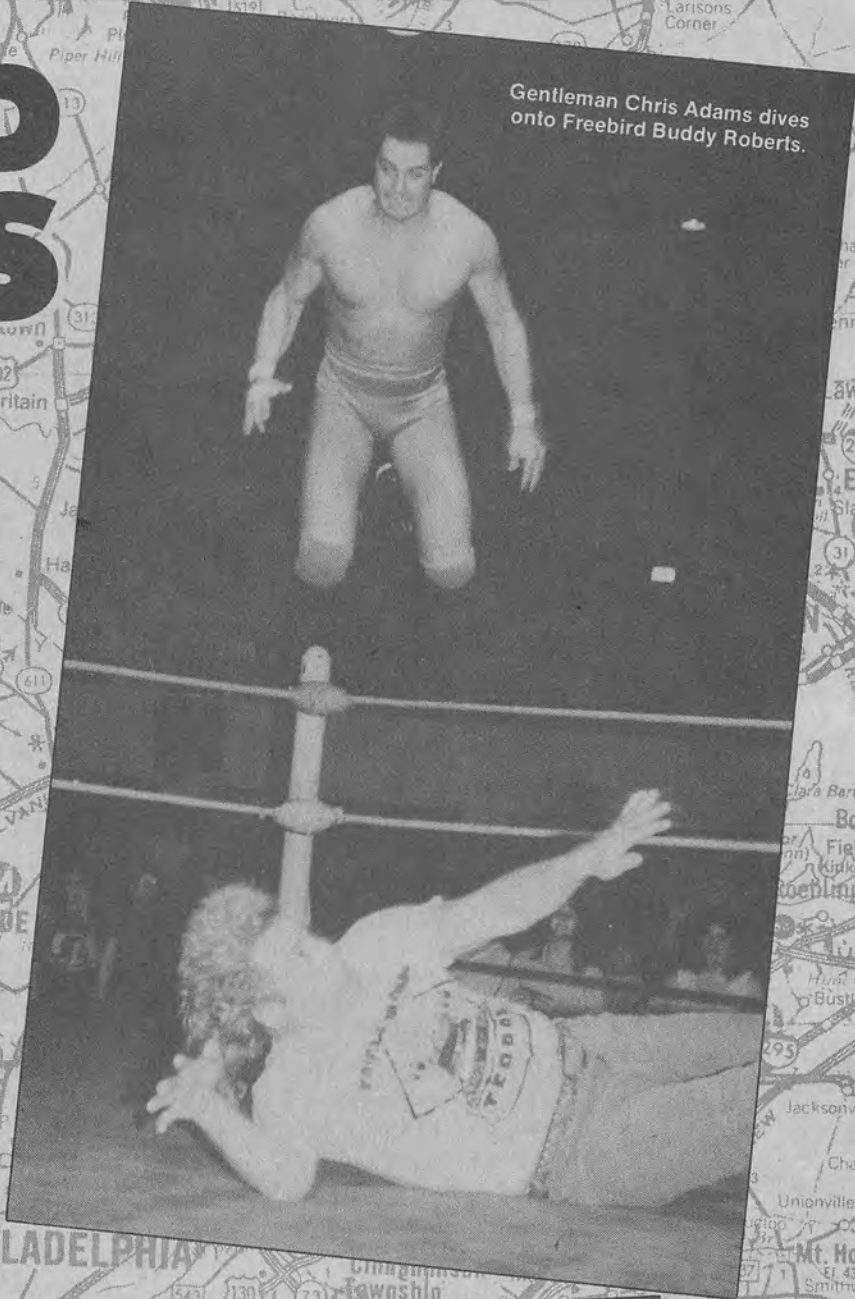


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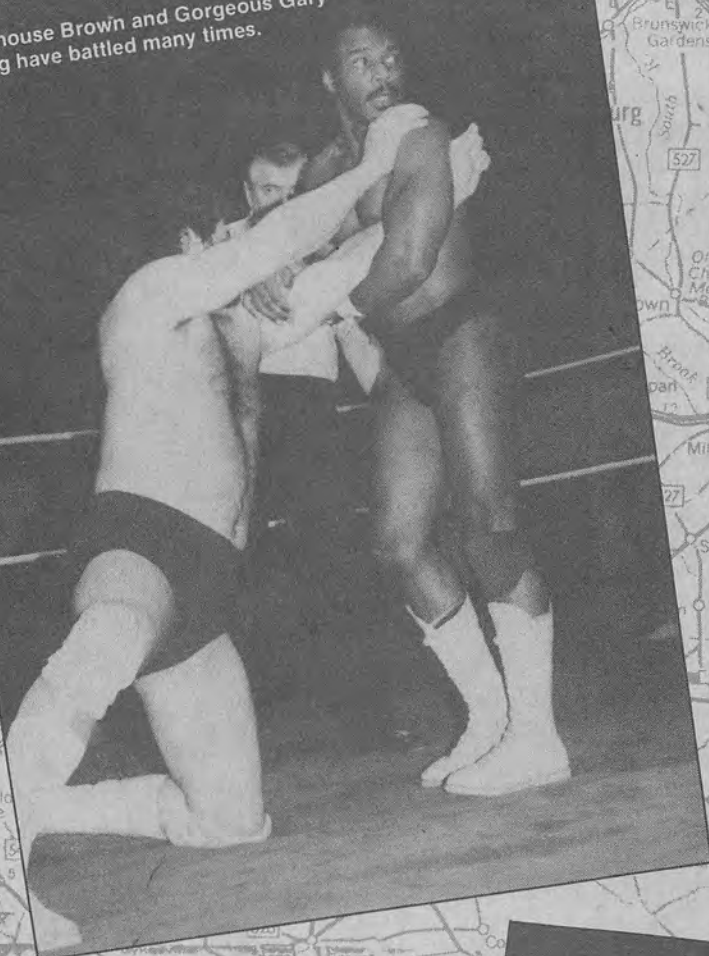
Gentleman Chris Adams dives onto Freebird Buddy Roberts.



Kerry Von Erich clamps his Clawhold on Batswana Beast.



Brickhouse Brown and Gorgeous Gary Young have battled many times.



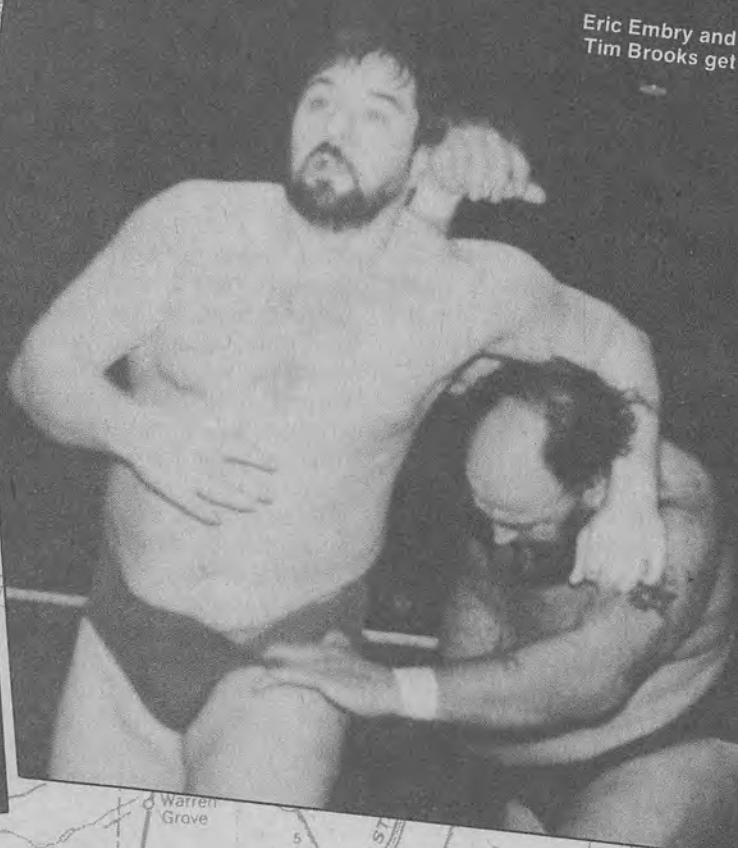
Batswania Beast makes Eric Embry suffer.



Jimmy Jack Funk gets cheered in WCCW.



Eric Embry and Killer Tim Brooks get it on.



# JASON THE TERRIBLE

**"WHAT EVIL  
LURKS BEHIND  
THE MASK?"**

*Who is this  
masked monster?*

BY JOHN PAUL THOMAS

**W**restling has known masked wrestlers since way back when. There has always been this mystique about masked grapplers, which the wrestling fans find intriguing. The wrestling fans love to try and guess the true identity behind the mask. Sometimes they guess right. Many times they don't. They love it when the guess work is taken from their thinking, when the masked wrestler is unmasked. There was a time in wrestling when a masked wrestler was considered a down and out rulebreaker. The masked wrestler who broke that old mold was Mil Mascaras. Mascaras was then followed by Mr. Wrestling and Mr. Wrestling II. On the whole, it still remains that a masked wrestler is still a rulebreaker, for the most part. This brings us to a masked wrestler who is gaining much attention in the past two years. He goes by the ring name of Jason The Terrible.

Who is Jason The Terrible? Nobody knows. Certainly not the paying fans. The promoters don't know. The wrestlers don't know.



That's a mask of blood for Jason The Terrible who shows a piece of barbed wire.

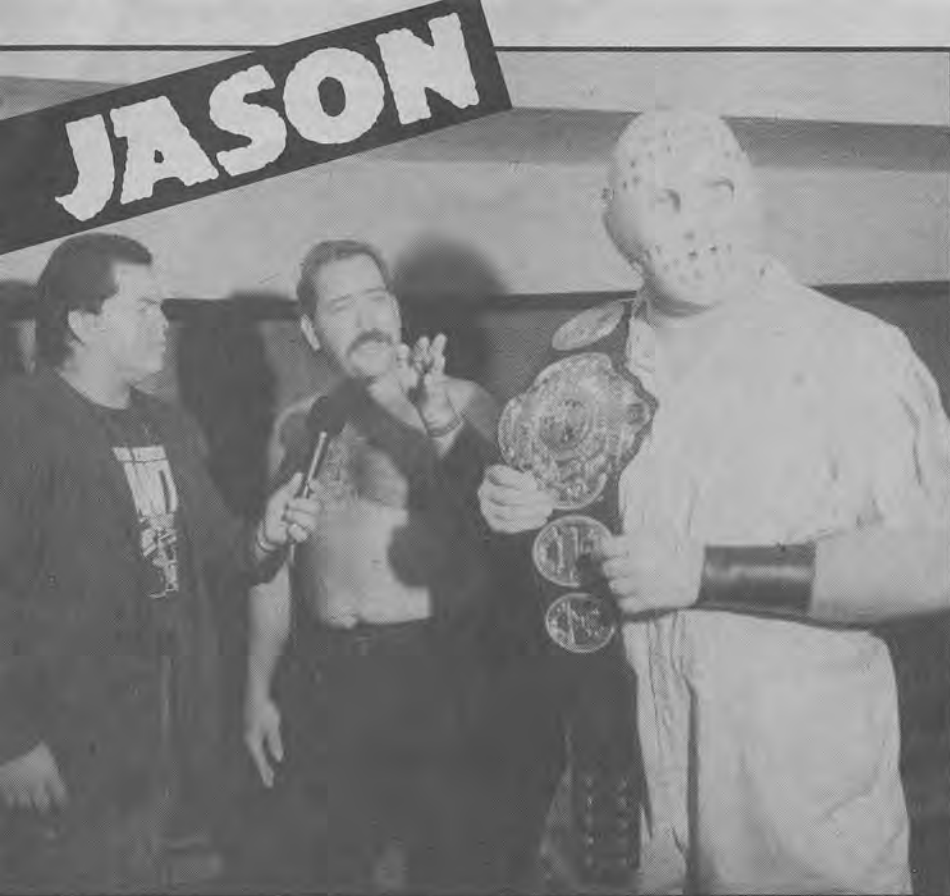
Only three people know, Jason of course, then there is his parents, but, they are not talking. The only things that are known about Jason is, he's 6'5" tall and weighs 270 pounds. He wears a plastic hockey mask to hide his identity. Jason doesn't wear this hockey mask because he's a well known wrestler who wishes to remain unknown. Quite the contrary. Jason is not an established superstar who wishes to remain anonymous. Jason wears his hockey mask for a major reason that has nothing whatever to do with wrestling. Jason wears his mask to hide a face that is hideously scarred from boyhood days, stemming from a horrible accident. This accident has left Jason scarred for life. It is something he lives with, each waking day and night. Only by wearing this hockey goalie's mask, can Jason pursue his wrestling career.



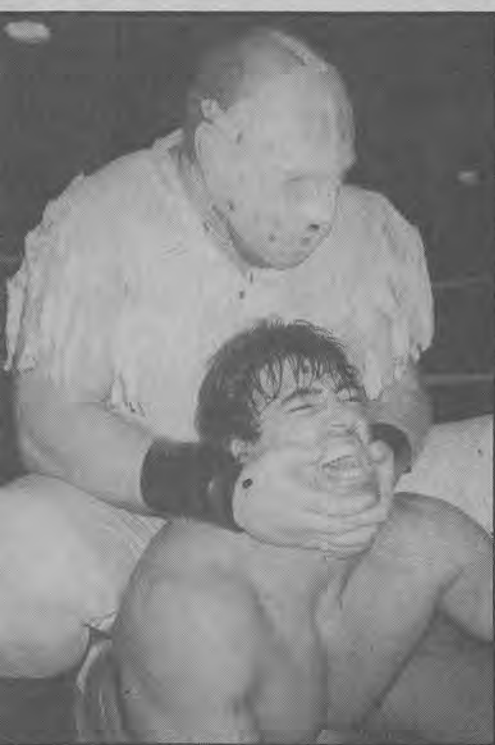
Jason The Terrible displays his championship belts of the WWC for Championship Wrestling.

Jason The Terrible gets at Carlos Colon in their Barbed Wire Match.





Jason The Terrible and manager Chickie Starr tell Hugo Simunovich how they will destroy their opposition.



Jason The Terrible makes Rick Martel submit with this Camel Clutch hold.

Jason The Terrible wears this hockey goalie's mask on the outside, but, he also wears a regular wrestling mask underneath. This is just in case some opponent tries to rip away the plastic mask. This has happened on occasion. Two years ago, Jason first gained some

notoriety in the Calgary Stampede Championship areas. It is believed this is where Jason started his mat career, for nobody had ever heard of him before. Or about any wrestler wearing a mask because of hiding his scarred face. It was said that Jason hid behind his mask for some psychological reasons. Jason has never forgotten that horrible gasoline explosion when a child. The mask is his security blanket. In the Stampede areas, Jason lived up to his name. He terrorized his opponents with vicious tactics. It was as if he was trying to get even for all the heartache he has endured all those years.

That horrendous accident happened over twenty years ago, when understanding by people was lacking. If this same accident happened today, people are more attuned. One may only imagine young Jason looking into a mirror and see not a handsome little boy, but a sickening sight of burned skin. A young boy who couldn't go out and play with the other children, for fear of being laughed upon or ridiculed. Yes, poor Jason has had many years of hateful emotion stored within him. As

Jason grew into manhood, it came to him that perhaps being a professional wrestler hiding behind a mask could be his outlet. He could make money, venture out into the world without anyone ever seeing his face.

Jason The Terrible spent well over a year in the Stampede areas. He started out being a rulebreaker, being befriended by a masked, hooded person called Zodiac. Zodiac claimed he was the only man who could communicate with Jason. Zodiac turned Jason into a monster of the ring. Zodiac claimed he could communicate with Jason through mental telepathy, as Jason never does speak to anyone. Jason became involved with Mahkan Singh and Steve DiSalvo, who called themselves Karachi Vice. Somehow Jason turned into a fan favorite when he listened to such other fan favorites like Own Hart and Brian Pittman.

When Jason The Terrible left Stampede and journeyed to the WWC, he reverted back to his villainous ways. Nobody knows why. One wrestler says he has the answer. He is Chickie Starr, manager and self confidant to Jason. "Jason has natural ability, but, he's like a lost child looking for a friend. Deep within him there is love, but he sees people look at him strangely. He takes this as resentment, so he becomes resentful. When I saw Jason, I didn't turn away. I saw a man with future champion written all over him. I saw a wrestler who can destroy the myth of Carlitos Colon. I saw in Jason, the wrestler who will take the WWC Universal Championship."

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***Carlos Colon says of Jason, "I've had many feuds in my career which ended in bloodbaths, but, this Jason person is far beyond anything I have wrestled against. The more he's hurt, the harder he comes after you. I must admit I fear Jason."***

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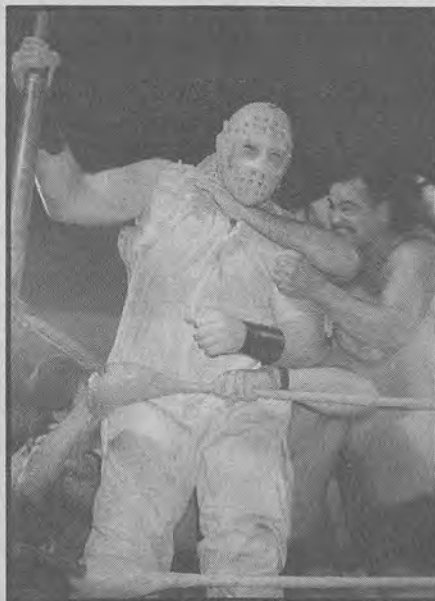
Jason The Terrible and Carlos Colon have waged a bloody feud in WWC.

Chickie Starr was right. Jason the Terrible did indeed take the belt from Colon, only to lose it back to him. Jason has also won the WWC Caribbean Championship. At one time, Jason held both belts simultaneously. The matches between Jason and Colon have settled into wars, bloody wars. One of their bloodiest have been a Barbed Wire Match, where both ended up resembling victims from a horror movie. So intense is this feud with Colon, that the mere mention of Colon's name sends Jason into a fury of temper. Carlos Colon says of Jason, "I've had many feuds in my career which ended in bloodbaths, but, this Jason person is far beyond anything I have wrestled against. The more he's hurt, the harder he comes after you. I must admit I fear Jason. Not fear his ability. I fear what he is capable of doing to a wrestler. Jason is strong and mean. I don't believe Jason hates me as a person. He hates me because I have what he wants. He hates me because to him I'm the enemy, and the enemy must be destroyed."

The Tonga Kid and Dan Kroffat are also managed by Chickie Starr and they have had occasion to be



Jason The Terrible gives Rick Martel a tough going over.



Jason The Terrible is held back by several wrestlers after he went berserk.

with Jason on a social basis. Kroffat says, "We have befriended Jason and he sees us as his good friends. We don't have to because Chickie tells us to. Jason is a lonely guy. He's had a sad life growing up. We understand his plight. That is what friends are for."

The fans in the WWC areas hate Jason The Terrible. Not because of his traumatic early life. They hate the thought of his trying to defeat their national hero Carlos



Jason The Terrible has big Rufus R. Jones down with this Chinlock.

Colon. Jason sees this hate and hates right back. Is Jason evil? Many think so. What if the fans showed compassion to Jason? Perhaps then, Jason will return this compassion into friendliness. It has happened before. Jason could be evil or good, depending on who reaches out to him. Right now, Jason The Terrible is walking an evil path, but, that could change. Imagine if it did happen. A little love goes a long way.

# From The Press Box

# WRESTLEMANIA V

*Find out what happened during this star-studded card. Catch the action with our exclusive pics.*



Hulk Hogan

**BY JOE BEARD**

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

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**W**restlemania V observations had some interesting happenings, plus some surprises. It was out with the old and in with the new, as the old saying goes. Case in point here is the situation involving **RANDY "MACHO MAN" SAVAGE** and the inner turmoil with **MISS ELIZABETH**. Macho Man finally had enough of this bizarre situation and fired Liz! Yes, Macho Man saw for himself that Liz is one mixed-up lady who brought havoc upon him. We go back to that big match in Trump Plaza and we see Liz going to help Macho Man after he was tossed from the ring by **HULK HOGAN**. Macho Man rewarded her by pushing Liz away. Later Liz went to Hogan, who was

tossed from the ring. Later Liz tried to assist Macho Man and he had her removed by WWF officials. Good for Macho Man. What is with Liz anyway? Didn't she claim neutrality for this match? Now we go to the post match interview with **GENE OKERLUND** and Liz, where **SHERRI MARTEL** accused Liz of costing Macho Man the title. Macho Man came out and told Liz she was history. Big shot Hogan came out to assist Liz and Macho Man whacked him with a chair. A week later, Macho Man announced that Sherri was his new manager. Now here is a couple that can make things happen and perhaps help regain the WWF Championship. Sherri is a former champion and manager. She has beauty and brains, and guts to back her play. Macho Man made a very wise move.

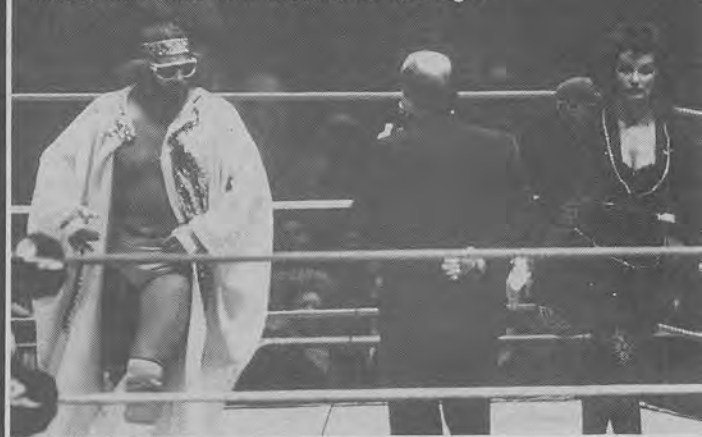
**WRESTLEMANIA V** had **BOBBY "THE BRAIN" HEENAN** manage his first champion to a title. After nearly five years of utter frustration Heenan has **RAVISHING RICK RUDE** as Intercontinental Champion after his

stunning defeat of **THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR**. I loved the way Heenan held onto the leg of Warrior for the pinfall without the referee seeing this. Yes, Bobby took some lumps from Warrior, but the result was worth the effort. This was a pleasant surprise.

**WRESTLEMANIA V** saw **RICK MARTEL** get fed up

with his tag team partner **TITO SANTANA** and walk out on him. Martel & Santana had re-united as **STRIKE FORCE** against **THE BRAINBUSTERS, ARN ANDERSON & TULLY BLANCHARD**. I figured Arn and Tully to win as Martel & Santana were trying to regain lost glory. Strike Force hadn't been together since Martel

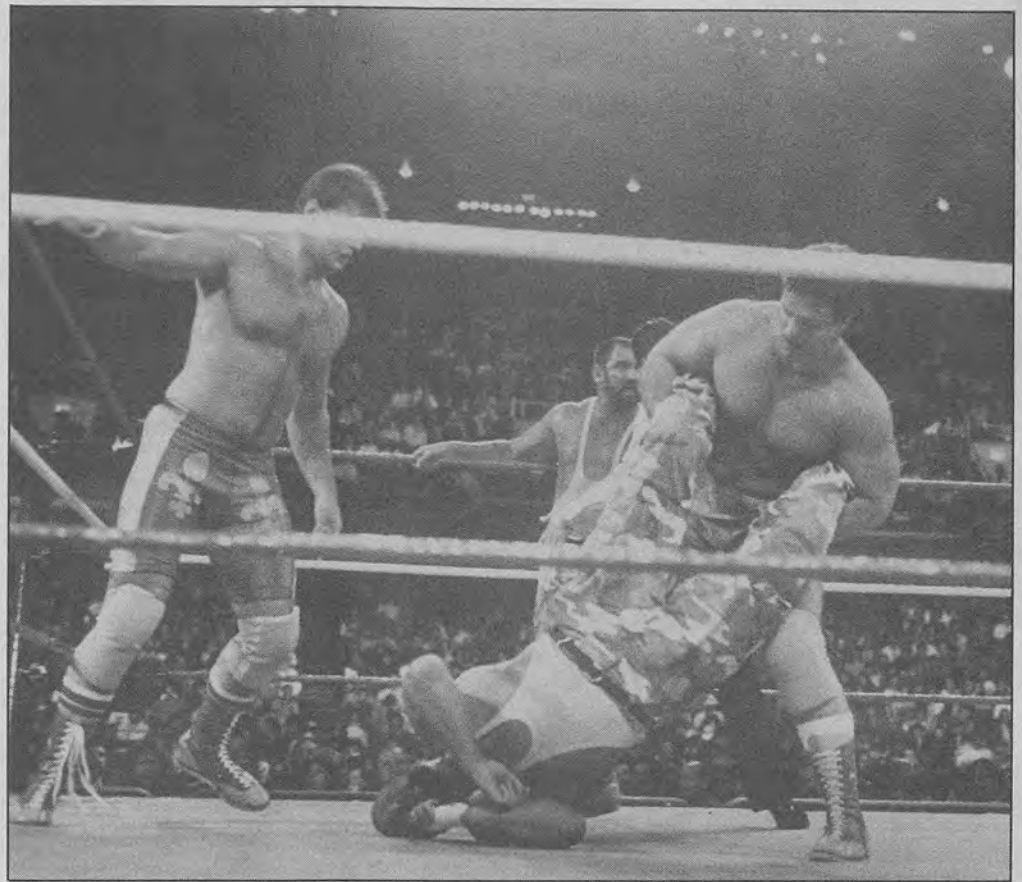
Macho Man and Sherri Martel enter the ring...



The Bushwackers eventually defeated The Fabulous Rougeaus.

was injured by **DEMOLITION**, and Martel being out of action for several months. So there was Martel being dropkicked by Santana by mistake. Rick got his temper up and told Santana he was tired of carrying Santana and walked away. Rick has finally taken charge of his career and picked **SLICK** as his manager. Rick has made two very wise decisions here. A new manager and dropping Santana like a bad habit.

**WRESTLEMANIA V** saw **MR. FUJI** lose for his team **THE POWERS OF PAIN, THE WARLORD & THE BARBARIAN** against WWF World Tag Team Champions **DEMOLITION**. This was three against two for the title. For months since Fuji took over Powers of Pain they have tried without success to dethrone Demolition. This time Fuji decided he would insure a victory and the title. Fuji tossed a foreign substance into the eyes of Warlord. Before Fuji could regain his composure he was pinned himself. Fuji old sock, why don't you



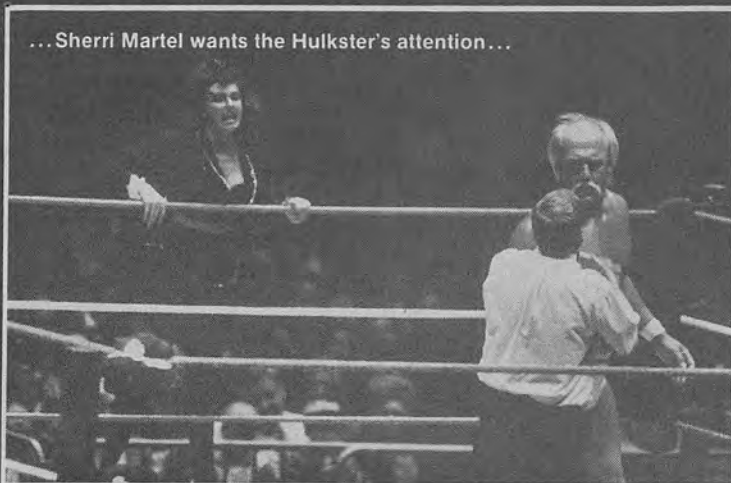
leave the wrestling to your men. You are a manager now, not a wrestler who is active. Yes, Fuji you had a great mat career with many titles to your credit. Only now, the years have passed on. Say Sayonara to putting on the tights and

leave the wrestling to Powers of Pain.

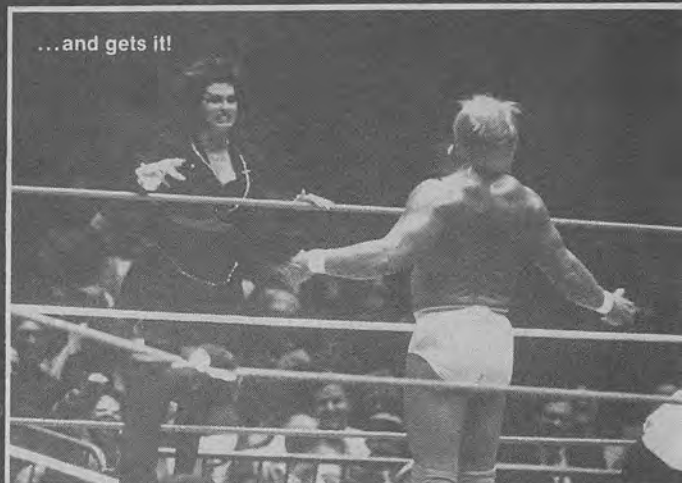
**WRESTLEMANIA V** saw **BIG JOHN STUDD** show biased officiating against **ANDRE THE GIANT** against **JAKE "THE SNAKE" ROBERTS**. This

was one match that did not surprise me. I expected Studd to show favoritism towards Roberts. How else could he resume his feud with Andre? Surely, you fans haven't forgotten their intense feud of some three years ago. Only that time

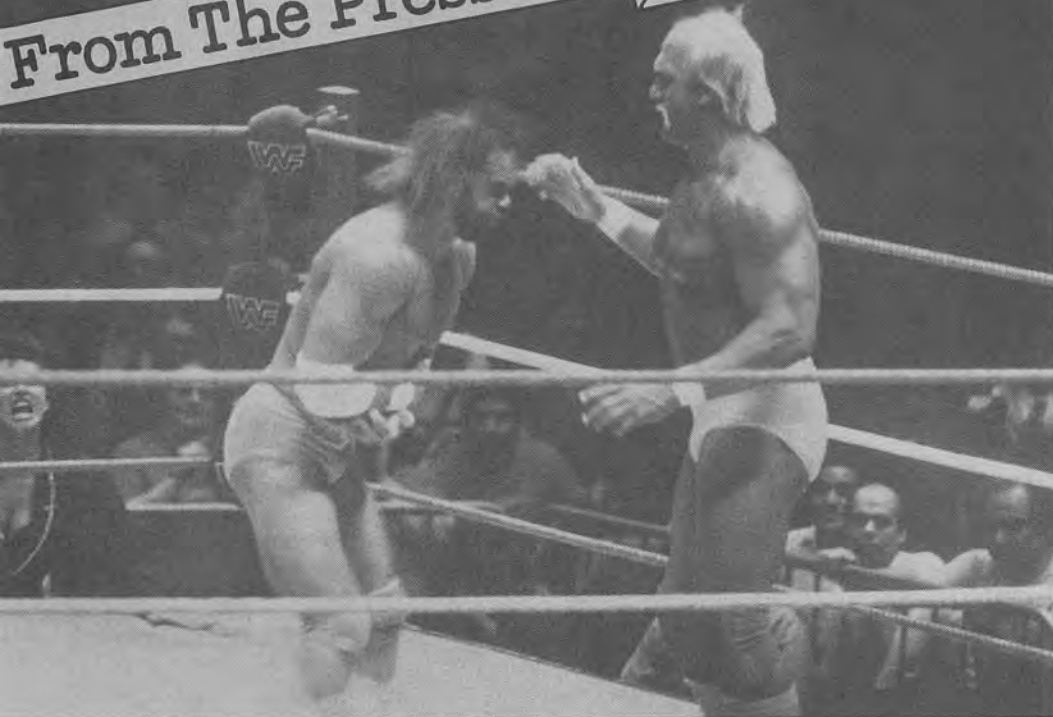
... Sherri Martel wants the Hulkster's attention...



...and gets it!



# From The Press Box



The main event! Hulk Hogan vs. Randy "Macho Man" Savage!

Studd was the rulebreaker and Andre the fan favorite. Roberts showed he can't beat Andre and never could, even with help from his pet reptile. Andre and Studd were going at it because Andre had had enough of Studd's incompetence. Studd showed his biased ways by counting out Andre, not for fighting him, but for

running away when Roberts brought in the snake. Studd was looking for any excuse.

Wrestlemania V had **SUPERFLY JIMMY SNUKA** taking a bow. Why? Because the flying superstar from Fiji will be wrestling once again in the WWF, probably by the time you are reading this.

Superfly made many fans thrill with his memorable matches the last time he was in. I still remember his feuds with **DON MURACO**; **ROWDY RODDY PIPER** and former WWF Champion **BOB BACKLUND**.

Wrestlemania V had rock rap group **RUN DMC** do a rap song. Why? Just to

draw rock fans. They were part of the normal celebrity routine, although this time the amount was limited.

**ROCKIN ROBIN** the WWF Women's Champion did not wrestle, nor defend her title. What she did was sing our national anthem. Why? Better her than Run-DMC.

Wrestlemania V had **ROWDY RODDY PIPER** make a rare appearance as part of the celebrity showcase. Piper had his Piper's Pit routine with special honories **MORTON DOWNEY Jr.** and WWF interviewer **BROTHER LOVE**. Brother Love appeared wearing scotsman kilts, which obviously annoyed Piper, who eventually ripped them off him, exposing Love wearing sexy female underwear. Downey, a heavy smoker, did just that, and kept blowing smoke at Roddy. Piper ended this with spraying Downey with a fire extinguisher. Why? To put out the fire. Why Piper's Pit? For comedy relief. Why? Your guess is as good as mine.

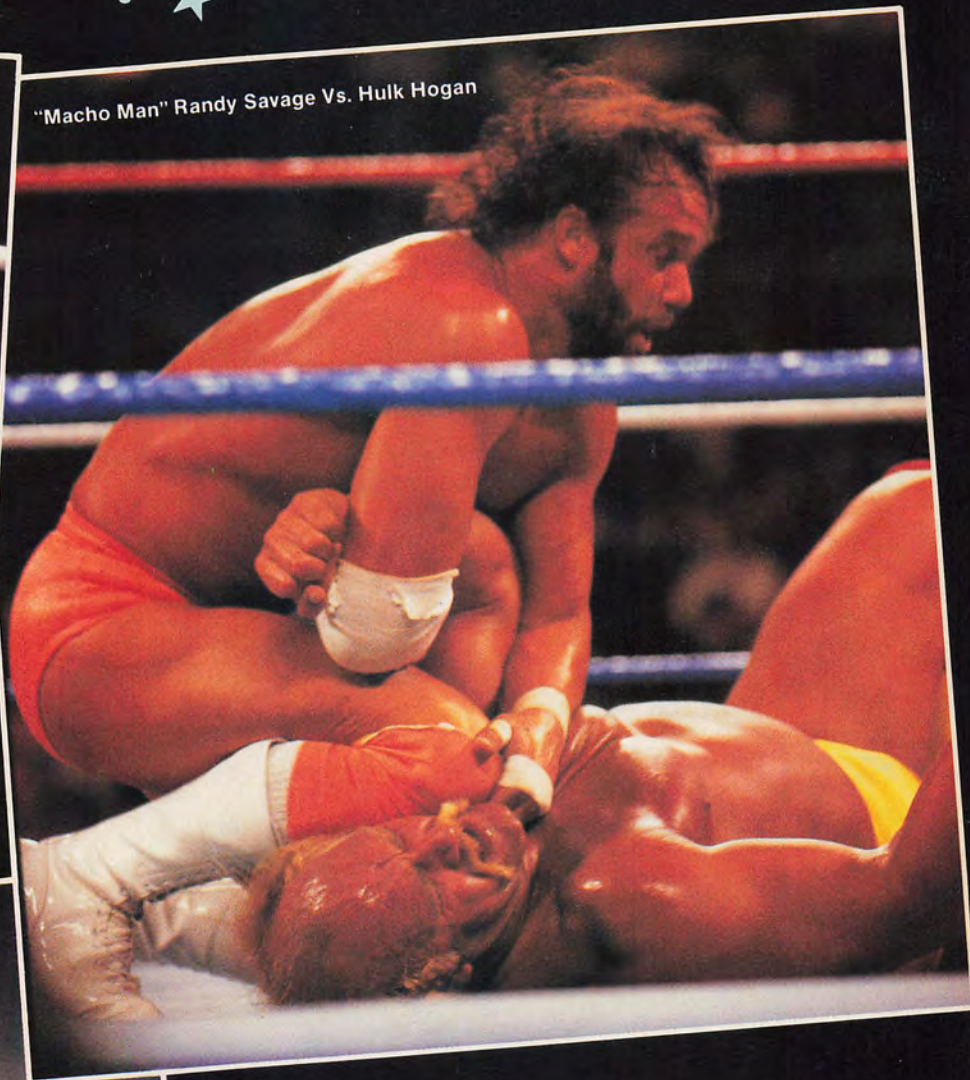
Wrestlemania V had **BOBBY HEENAN** take a two-minute beating from **TERRY "RED ROOSTER" TAYLOR**. Why? Because Heenan can't wrestle and can't beat Taylor on his worst night. Other results had **HERCULES** beat **KING HAKU** ... **BRUTUS BEEFCAKE**—vs—**TED DIBIASE A DCOR** ... **JIM "HACKSAW" DUGGAN** and **BAD NEWS BROWN** both DDQ ... **CURT HENNIG** over **BLUE BLAZER** ... **DINO BRAVO** over **RONNIE GARVIN** ... **THE BUSHWHACKERS** surprised **THE FABULOUS ROUGEAUS** ... **THE TWIN TOWERS**, **BIG BOSS MAN & AKEEM** overpowered **THE ROCKERS**, **MARTY JANNETTY & SHAUN MICHAELS** ... **THE HART FOUNDATION**, **BRET HART & JIM NEIDHART** beat **GREAT VALENTINE & HONKY TONK MAN**, to roundout the card. ■

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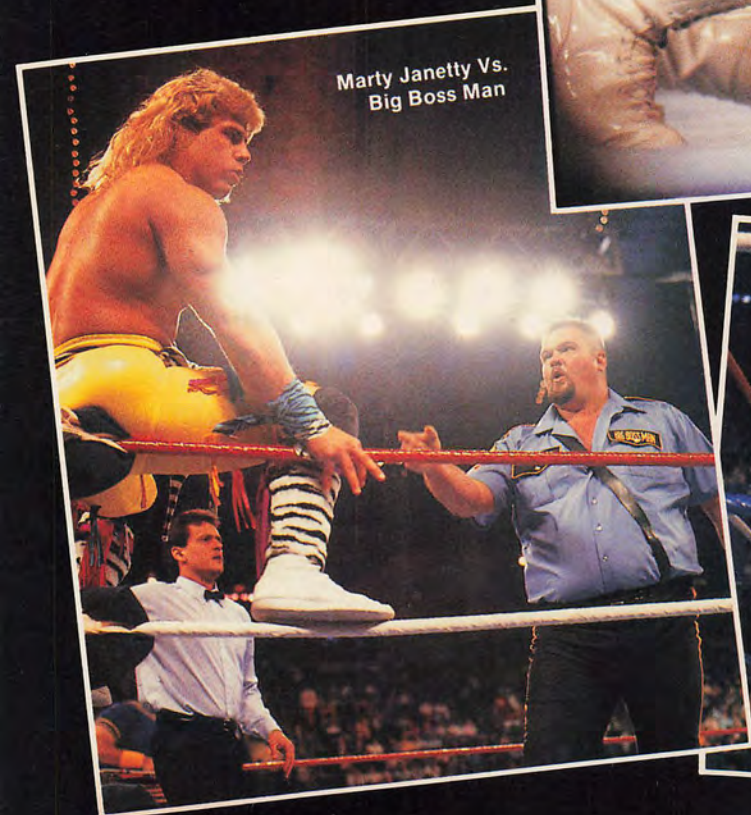
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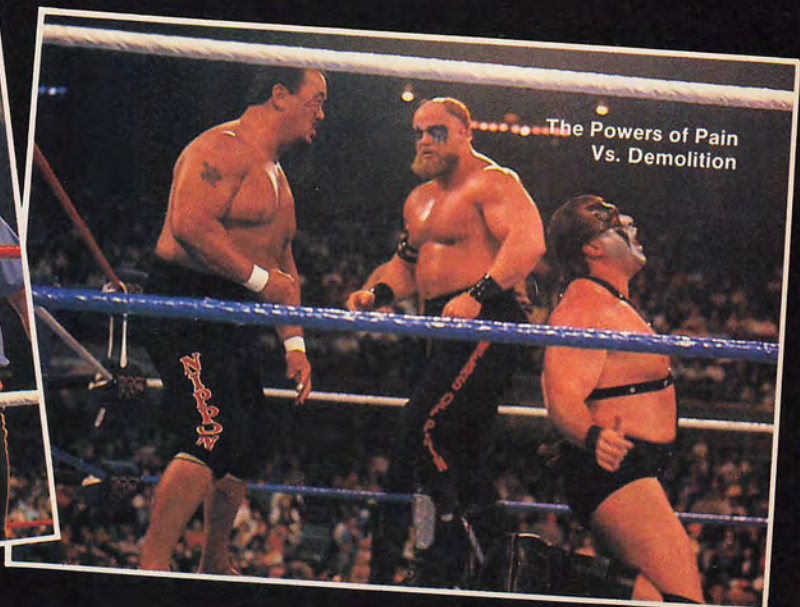
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"Macho Man" Randy Savage Vs. Hulk Hogan



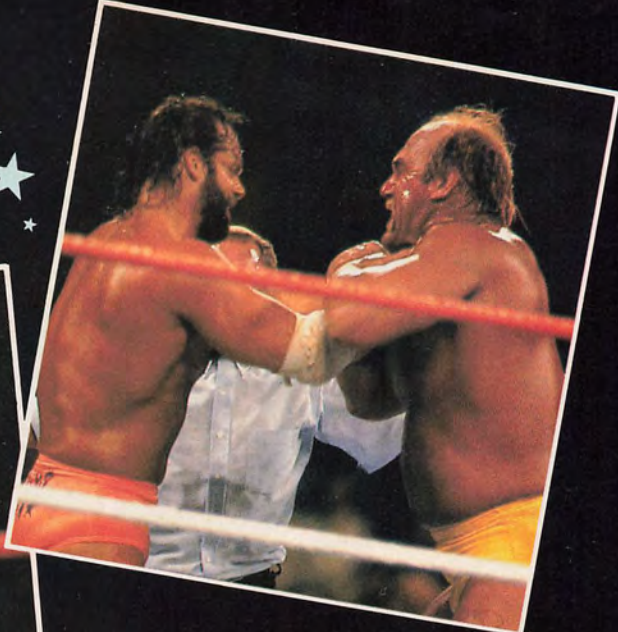
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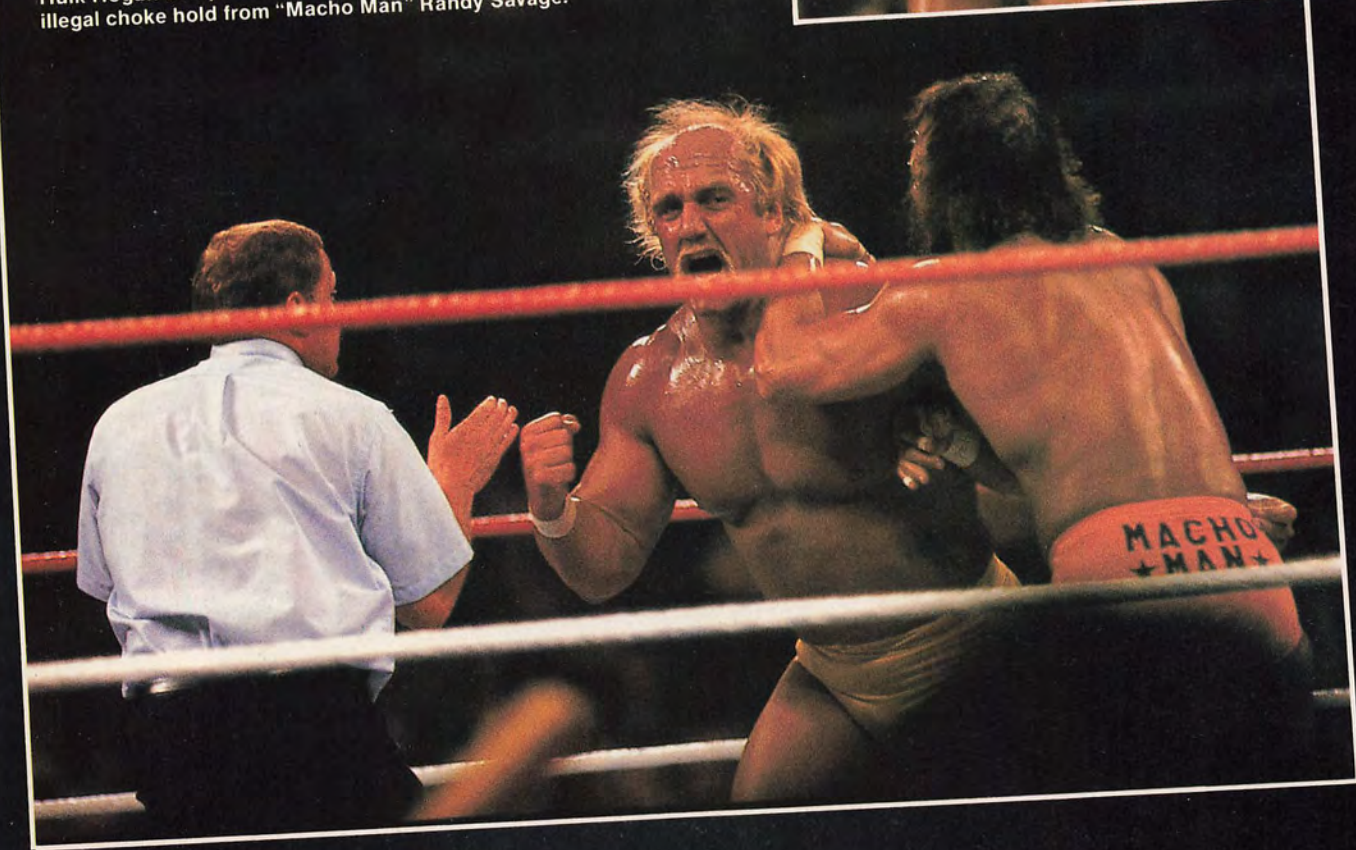
The Powers of Pain  
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Hulk Hogan complains to referee in vain about illegal choke hold from "Macho Man" Randy Savage.

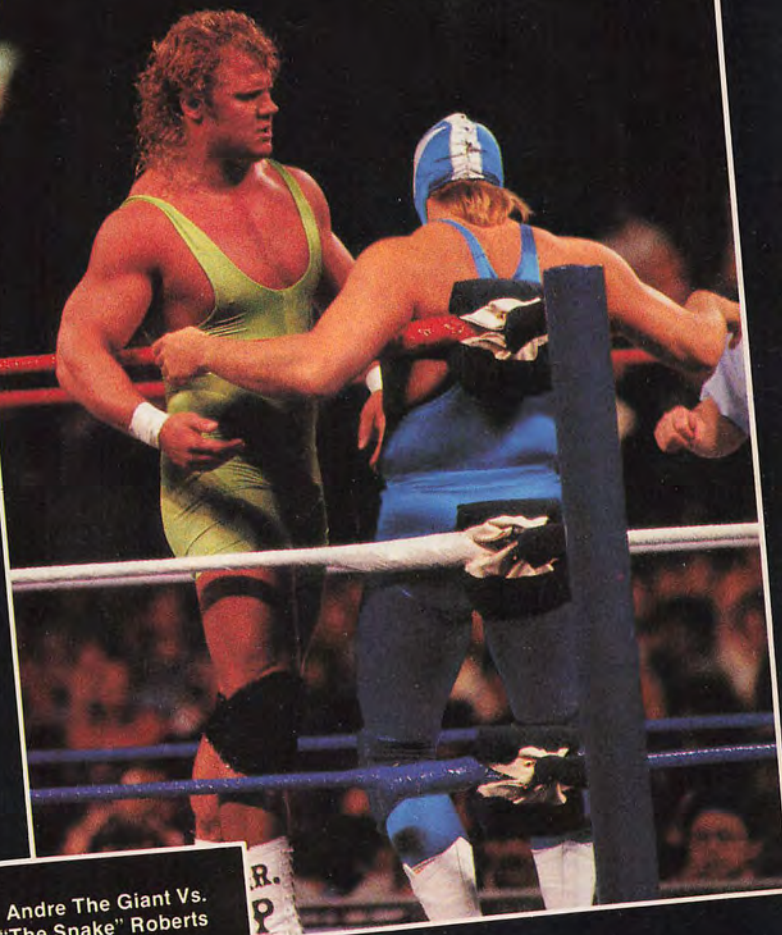


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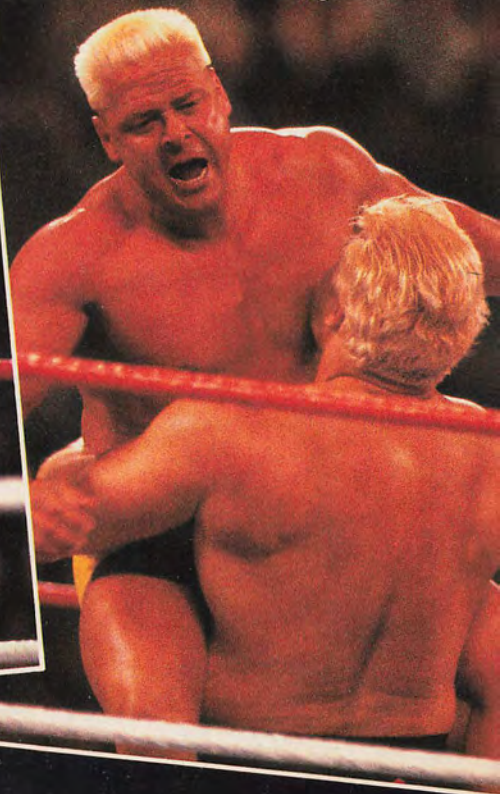
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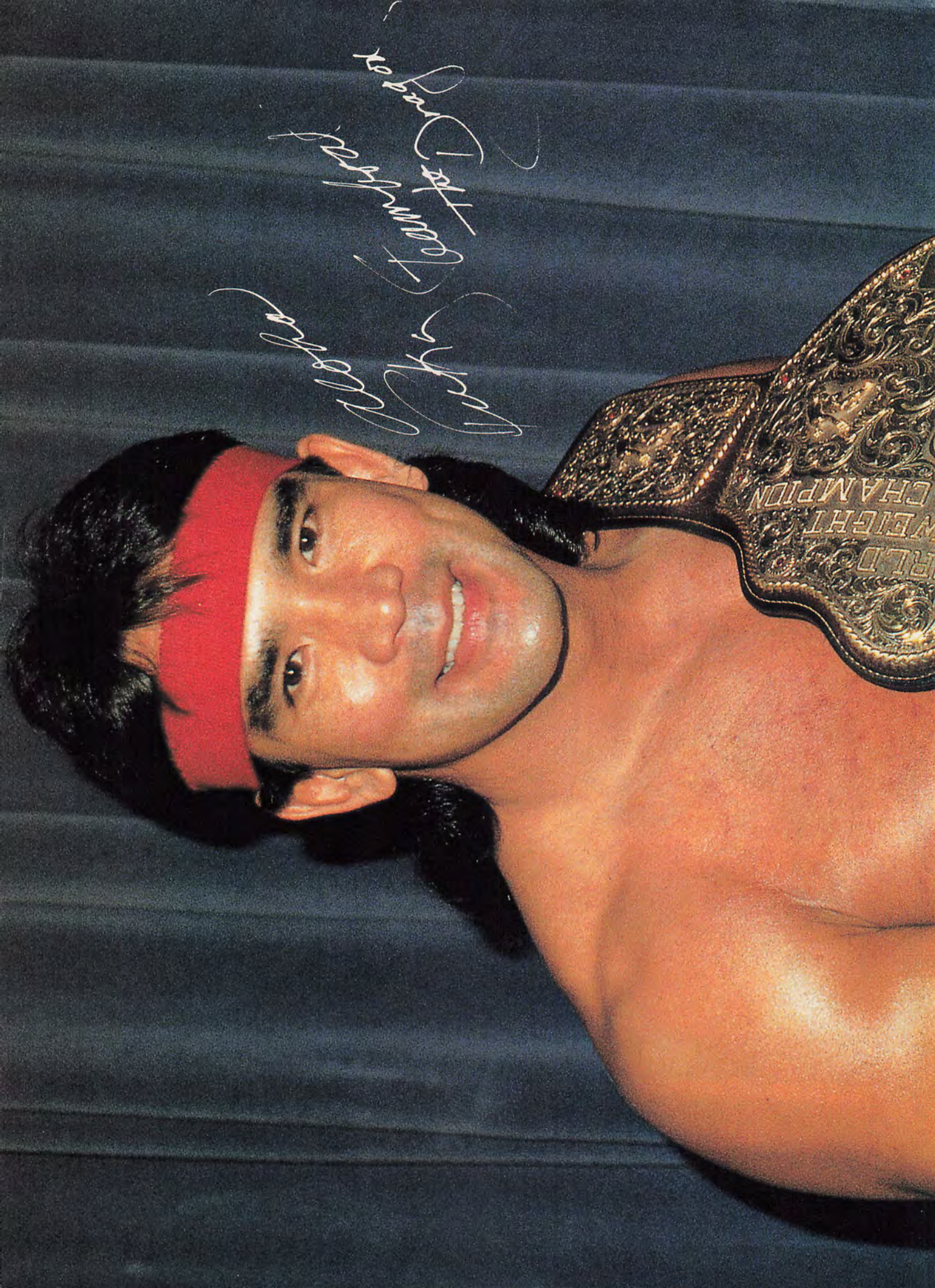


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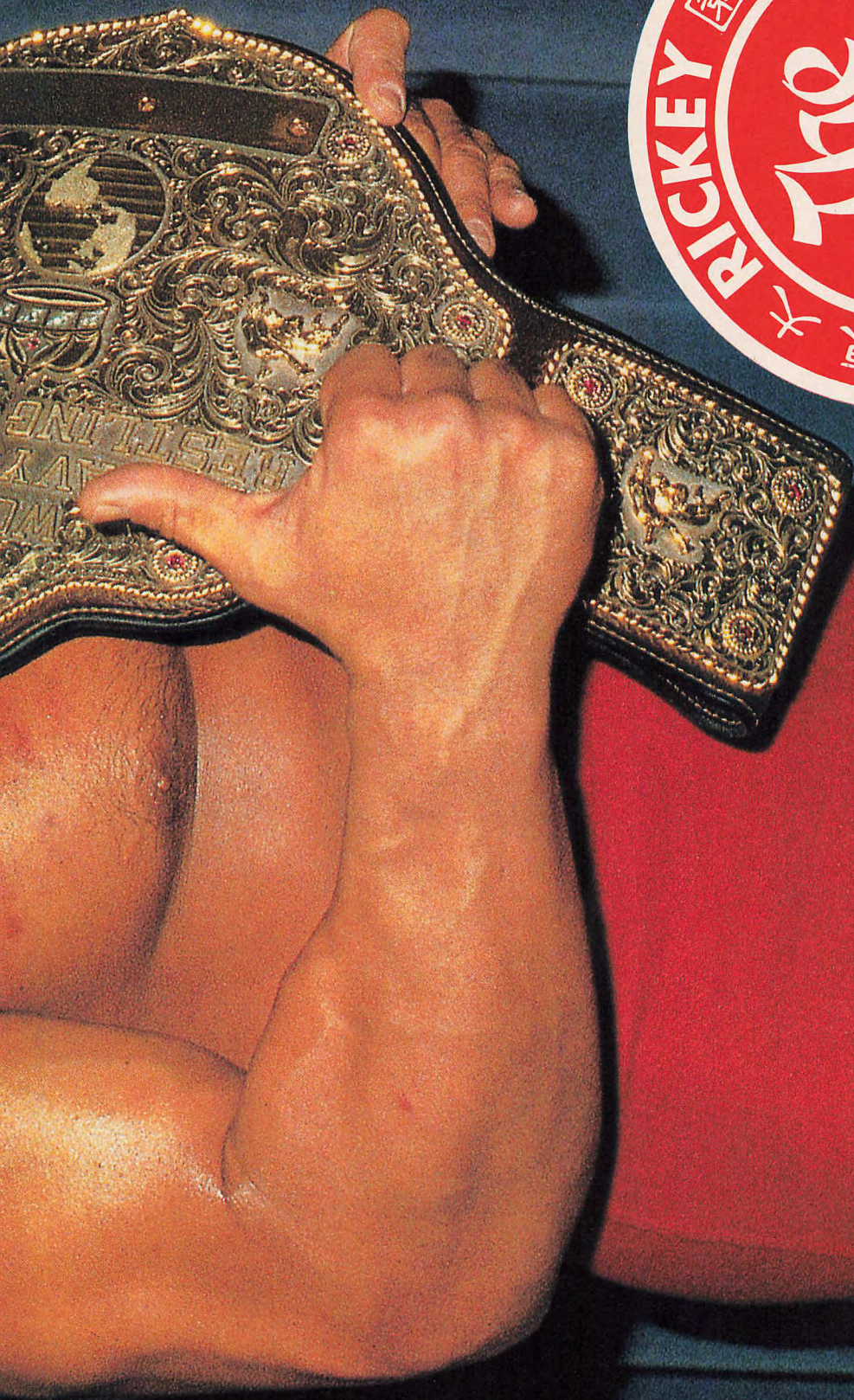


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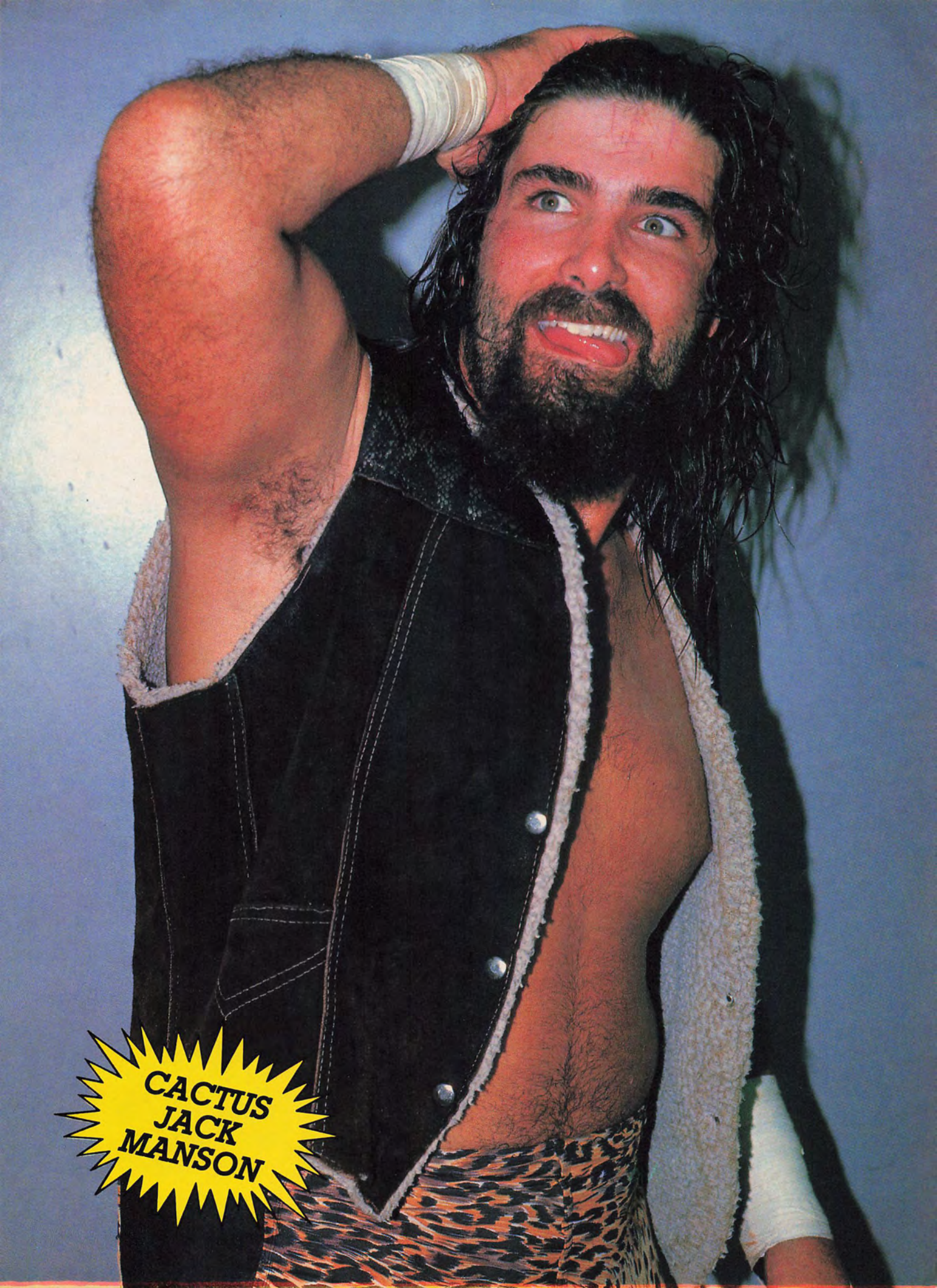


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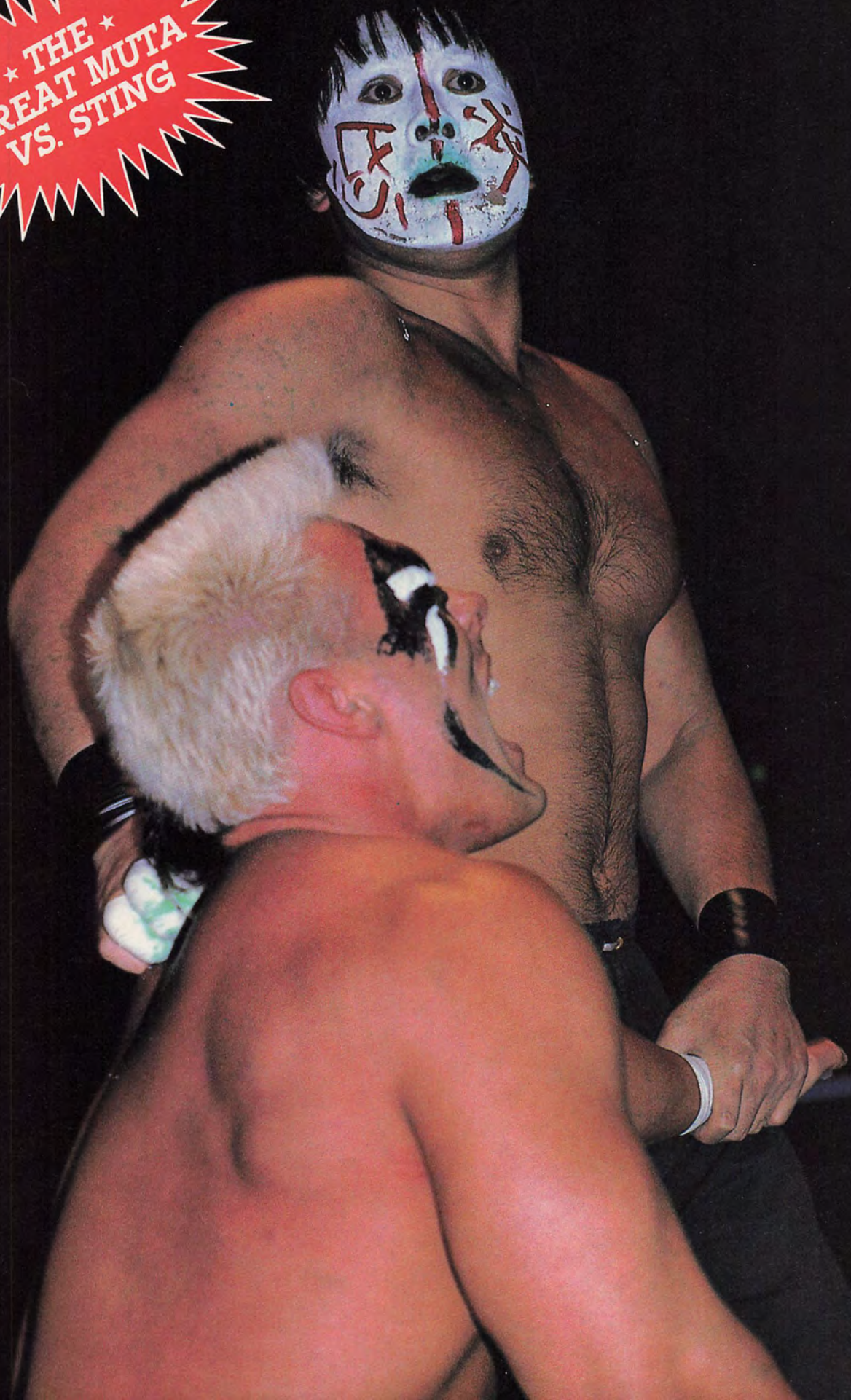
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# The Great Muta

## *The Pearl Of The Orient Strikes!*

*He's mysterious. He's dangerous. He's a martial arts expert. He's called The Pearl of the Orient, by his manager Gary Hart. His moves must be seen to be believed. What evil lurks behind his painted face?*

BY D.J. FRANKLIN

**"T**he Great Muta is going to show everyone why I call him 'The Pearl of the Orient,'" gloats manager Gary Hart. "Muta is not your ordinary wrestler from Japan. Oh no. I've never managed anyone quite like him before. I have managed big men who weighed over 400 pounds. I have managed wrestlers with vicious streaks. I have managed wrestlers with great martial arts skills. Yes, I know what you are thinking. Yes, I do mean The Great Kabuki. Is The Great Muta better than Kabuki? I must say yes. My reasoning is quite simple. Kabuki was a star in Japan way before I ever brought him to our shores. Muta is younger. More versatile.

Muta has a more vast repertoire of holds and maneuvers. His aerial maneuvers astound even this hard hearted manager, and I've seen them all. What Muta possesses in his young agile, noble body is nothing short of amazing. Why not. He had a great teacher. You see, his teacher was Kabuki himself, his father!"

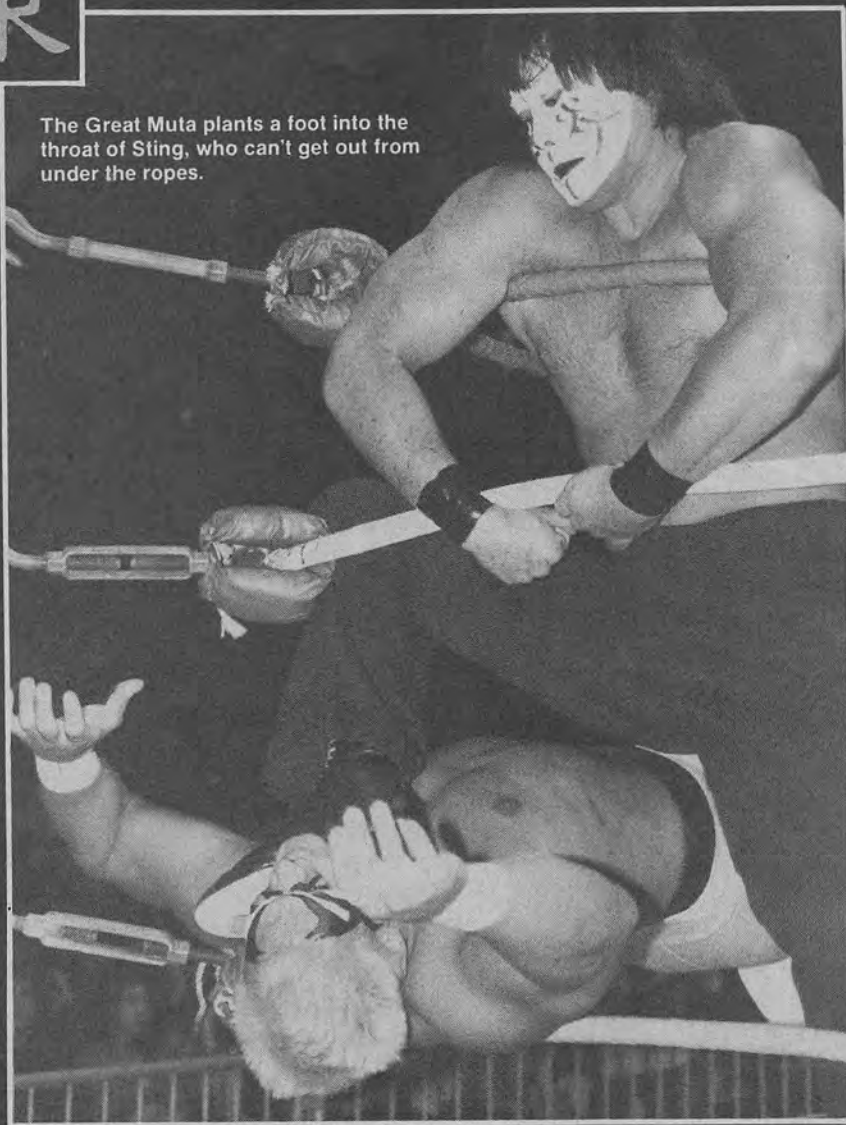
Just how did Gary Hart come about to get his hands on The Great Muta? Did Kabuki contact Hart and place his son into the competent hands of his former manager? Hart, who rarely smiles, did just that. "I must admit that Hiro Matsuda discovered this perfect pearl. It was Matsuda who brought this youngster to me. I observed him in secret workouts. After only about one hour of seeing him perform, that I

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The Great Muta plants a foot into the throat of Sting, who can't get out from under the ropes.



The Great Muta is from the shores of Japan, where he learned how to attack the nerve centers of the body.

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made a business deal with Matsuda. Matsuda drove a hard bargain, but I knew I must have him. I paid a high price, but I know Muta is worth every dollar. This investment is worth more than any stocks, bonds or CD's you can own. What I have planned for Muta is reaching the highest rung on the ladder. I'm talking about Ric Flair, the new NWA World Heavyweight Champion. Ric Flair is the man we want. Don't be surprised on the outcome. Take it from where it comes, my friend. I'm not a manager who boasts easily."

Why did Hiro Matsuda sell the contract of The Great Muta, knowing this young Japanese star had all the skills at his disposal? Matsuda says, "I feel, I may have made a bad bargain. At the time I brought Muta to the NWA, I had purchased the contracts of Ric Flair, Barry Windham and Butch Reed. I never gave myself the proper opportunity to have Muta blend in with my new corporation. I may regret this business deal. I know Mr. Hart is exceptional as a manager. I have the most profound respect for his abilities. I wish him luck."

Luck never hurts, but, in Hart's case, the managing Muta, it will be a great wrestling mind guiding a future superstar, who has all the attributes to attain that status. For such a young wrestler, Muta has a perfect presence of mind. His ring generalship is that of a wrestler far beyond his years. In such a short time, Muta has astounded all who have witnessed his ring performances. They are starting to take this oriental whiz kid very seriously. And well they should.

The Great Muta wears black ninja ring attire of jacket and pants, with hooded headgear, that hides his face. Once the hood is removed, his face is painted with greasepaint, in various colorful

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designs. Muta enters the ring by flipping in a somersault over the top rope. As his name is announced. Muta spews forth from his mouth a green mist. An obvious trick he learned from his famous wrestling father. Like his father before him, this mist often finds its way into the face of his opponents during a match. This tactic is used to temporarily blind his opponents.

Muta is fast on his feet, which plays well for his martial arts. His ring movements remind you of a cat, slick and graceful. Like a shadow in the night. His fast hands and feet deliver his martial arts with deadly accuracy. He reminds one of a ballet dancer. With his face covered in greasepaint, it's hard to determine his facial expressions. Muta seems to wrestle in deadpan. Should he miscue a move, which is rare, one can't find if he's worried. He seems

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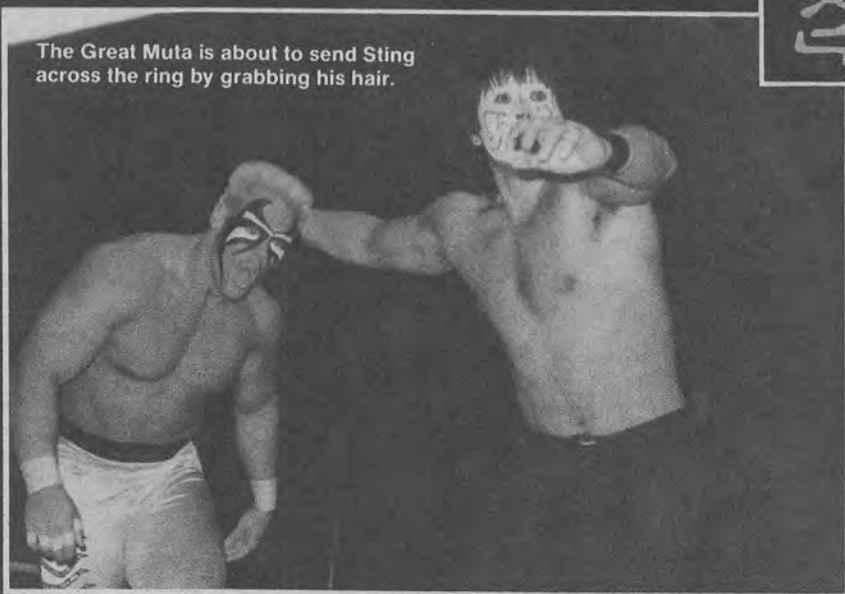
***Muta's manager says nobody can beat him. Not Ric Flair or Sting. Hart wants championships and vows to get them, no matter what. So far Muta is undefeated, but, his strongest tests are yet to come. Can anyone stop The Great Muta?***

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cool and collected at all times. Should he make any type of mistake, there is Hart at ringside with deft instructions. Muta listens intently to Hart's every word.

Gary Hart knows one thing. To get at Ric Flair, Muta must collect victories over top rated NWA mat stars. The big target that Hart has zeroed in on is Sting. Sting wears the World TV championship belt. Hart wants Muta to wear this belt, so his challenge to Flair will carry some weight. Says Hart, "I have told Muta that to get at Flair, we must overcome Sting. His belt is important to insure this. Muta is

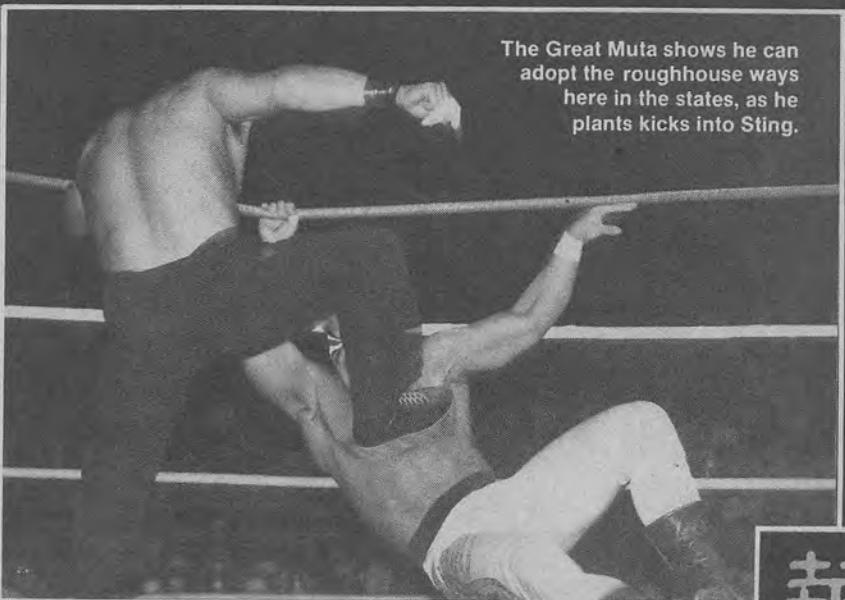
The Great Muta is about to send Sting across the ring by grabbing his hair.



This vicious Elbow Smash by The Great Muta has Sting going down and hurting.



The Great Muta shows he can adopt the roughhouse ways here in the states, as he plants kicks into Sting.



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patient. Our matches against Sting have been most enlightening. One reason is Muta is learning how to cope with a much bigger opponent. Sting is tough and knows his craft. I have observed Sting very closely. He has learned well and added to his skills. We can beat Sting, but, we have learned that Sting's dive into his opponent which sets up his Scorpion Deathlock, must be eliminated. Muta must never ever be caught by this maneuver. Sting is our stepping stone to Flair. If Flair is to fall, Sting must fall first."

This is not to say that other top rated NWA stars are being sidestepped. Not so, according to Hart, "I guess my overall plan for Muta sounds that way. It is far from it. Muta has climbed the ladder of contention, yet, such wrestlers as Eddie Gilbert, Rick

The Great Muta has a chair ready for his opponent.

Sting manages to stay NWA World TV Champion, but, Muta has other ideas on that subject.

Steiner, Ron Simmons, Dick Murdoch, Ranger Ross must be dealt with. Victories must be attained against them in order to achieve our long-ranged plan. My strategy is quite simple. Attain victories against stiff competition, so as to remain in contention for Sting. Each match against Sting brings us closer to discovering his weaknesses. Eventually our book on Sting will become complete. Then the time will come for Sting to fall."

One name on Hart's list that is missing was Rick Steamboat. Was it done on purpose? Says Hart, "We are saving Steamboat. I'm waiting for just the right time. Steamboat is a master in martial arts. A match with him will show who is the real master. Muta is younger, faster, more agile. I can't see Steamboat survive Muta's backwards somersault flip, ending with an elbow smash. Or Muta's backwards somersault flip off the top turnbuckle, as he lands onto his opponent. Nobody has every survived that. You can get your last dollar that Sting, Steamboat and all the others will not. The last one to fall will be Ric Flair. Flair has never faced the likes of The Great Muta. When he does, and he will, Flair will become the ex-champion once more. Only this time Flair will not regain the belt. He won't know how to deal with Muta. Have you noticed how Flair very conveniently never mentions Muta? That should tell you something."

A recent matchup against Sting took place in Baltimore. This match had some eye-openings concerning future matches with Sting. Muta was surprised that

The Great Muta drives Sting down to his knees with his martial arts.

The Great Muta twists the arm of Sting as he looks to see if the referee is watching.



Sting battled with fierce velocity. At times Muta seemed confused. When Muta did complete his backwards flip and elbow smash, Sting was stunned, but, he fought back without hesitation. Sting also withstood Muta's martial arts karate chops and fought back gamely. For the first time since arriving in the NWA Muta did not see his opponent fall. At one point in the match, Muta in a confused state attempted to wield a chair. Only quick thinking on Hart's part stopped Muta. Again, for the first time, Muta showed a flare of temper.

Hart shrugged off any show of concern at this, "As I said earlier, the book on Sting is being written. I expected a tough match and Sting provided it. It was a learning experience for Muta. Each match against top competition will give Muta more experience. Sting knows that Muta has given him his toughest title defense so far. Muta now knows he must bide his time and wait for Sting to make mistakes. It will happen." ■



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## Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat

# The Dragon Roars And Wins NWA Title!

*The Dragon had a great wrestling career but then retired. His dream was becoming world champion. Coming out of retirement Steamboat made that dream come true. How long can The Dragon hold off Ric Flair?*

BY FRANK AMATO

**H**e is back. He is back wrestling once again and his fans are overjoyed. Not only is he back wrestling, but, back where it all started for him, in the NWA. It had been previously rumored that "The Dragon" Ricky Steamboat was contemplating a return to active wrestling as 1988 drew to a close. The NWA office did not confirm the rumor, but they did not deny the rumor. A call to Steamboat at his gym in Charlotte, North Carolina at the time, drew this response, "I'm not saying yes or no, right now. What I'm looking closely at is the return match between Lex Luger and Ric Flair. Who comes out the NWA champion will make up my mind. I'm talking about Starcade '88. The result of that match will gear me in the direction I will take." Needless to add, Ric Flair made a successful title defense against Lex Luger.

Ricky Steamboat watched that title match with keen interest. He wouldn't say who he was rooting for, but, with Flair the victor, his decision was made. Says Steamboat, "I thought Lex Luger was going to win. He looked

just magnificent. I thought this was his night. I must admit that Flair was equally magnificent, but then, he always rises to the occasion. Flair has this uncanny knack for getting that extra something when needed. When Flair used that chair on Luger's legs, it was the story.

Knowing Flair as I do, it didn't surprise me.

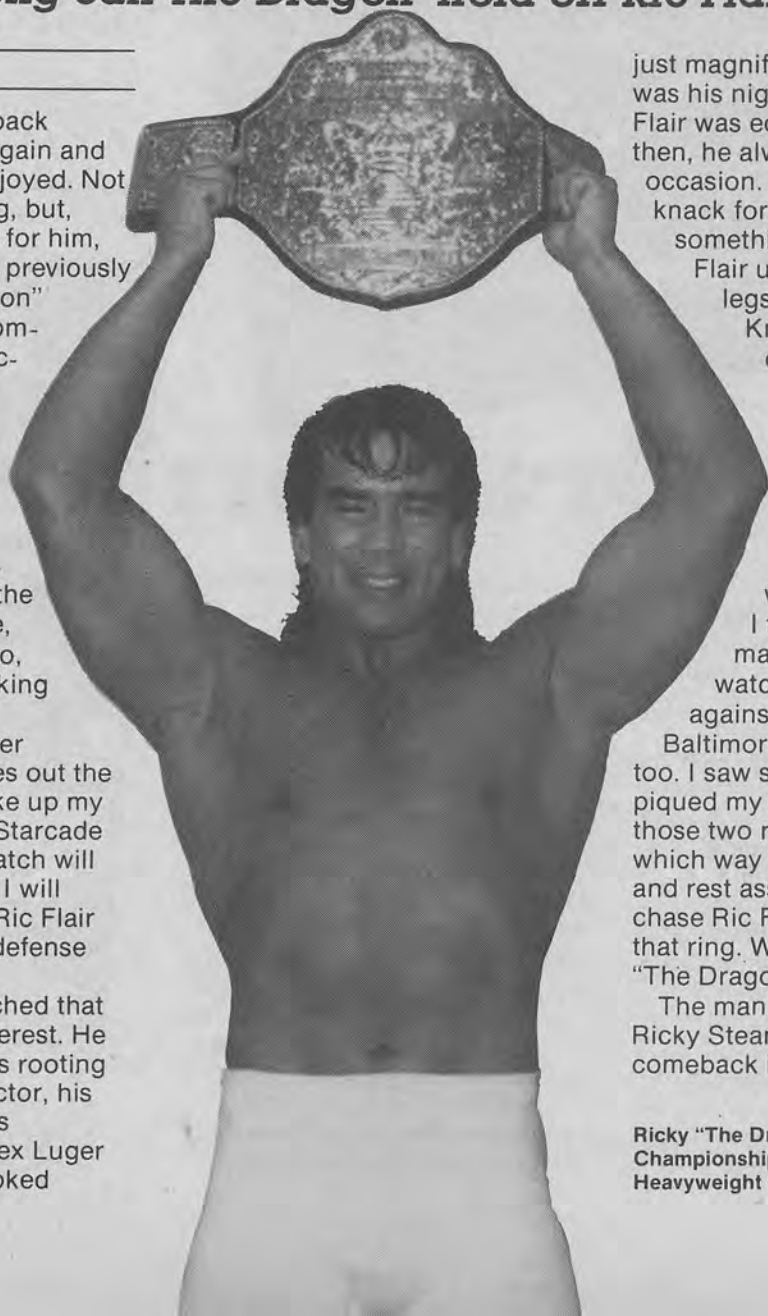
Flair is an expert on taking every edge that comes his way.

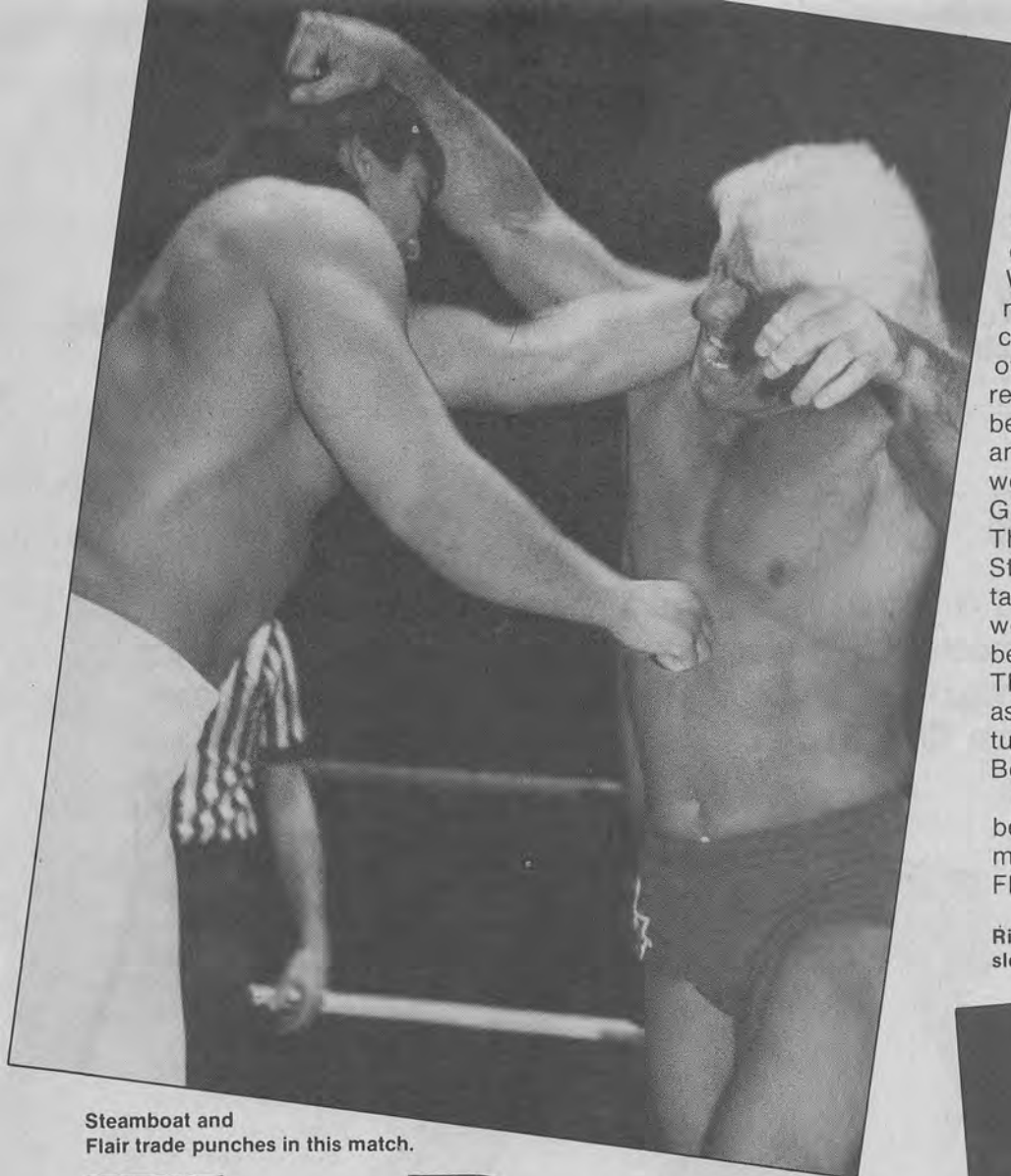
In that match I saw something that helped make up my mind. I won't disclose what I saw, but, I will say I took notes. I studied that match very closely. I

watched the tape of Flair against Luger during their Baltimore match. I studied that too. I saw something then. It piqued my interest. After watching those two matches, I decided which way I would go. I'm back and rest assured, I'm going to chase Ric Flair until I get him in that ring. When I do ... well watch "The Dragon" roar very loudly."

The man who helped convince Ricky Steamboat to make his comeback is Eddie "Hot Stuff"

Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat shows Championship Wrestling his NWA World Heavyweight Championship Belt.





Steamboat and Flair trade punches in this match.

# The Dragon

Gilbert. Gilbert has been a constant challenger to Barry Windham, a fellow Horsemen of Flair's. Gilbert had been after Windham's NWA U.S. Heavyweight Championship, having had two chances on World Championship Wrestling ruined on interference by James J. Dillon and Flair. It was the beating Gilbert took from Flair and Windham that made Gilbert contact Steamboat. Gilbert states, "Those two guys needed a shock to rock them on their heels. I could have asked any number of wrestlers to tag with me, but I knew Steamboat was thinking about trying a comeback. I called him up and we talked. I went to see him after our phone

conversation. Steamboat had seen what Flair and Windham had done to me. It didn't take much on my part for Ricky to decide it was time to return. We came up with this mystery partner for me against Flair and Windham. The look on the faces of Flair, Windham and Dillon when Ricky walked out for that match was priceless."

The studio on World Championship Wrestling erupted into wild cheers, as Steamboat emerged from behind the curtain. An old fan favorite had returned. For Flair, he looked in shock, then in dismay, upon seeing his old arch rival from years ago. Flair seemed nervous now. Surely, thoughts of their many previous matches ran through his mind.

Steamboat was ready, and he showed why he's a superstar. When he was wrestling Flair and Windham, he was nothing short of spectacular. Steamboat did everything right. He thwarted every move made by Flair and Windham. When Flair tried a martial arts chop, Steamboat countered with martial arts chops of his own, which sent Flair reeling. Windham fared no better, being tossed about with ease. Flair and Windham now realized if they were to win this match, it was Gilbert who they had to beat. They nearly did, but, when Steamboat managed to get a tagoff from Gilbert, he went to work. It was Flair, the master, being mastered by Steamboat. The fans looked on in amazement as Steamboat climbed the top turnbuckle and delivered a flying Bodypress to pin Flair.

Steamboat and Gilbert were being interviewed on TV just moments after this match, when Flair, Windham, and Dillon rushed

Rick Flair tries to put Ricky Steamboat to sleep with this Sleeperhold.





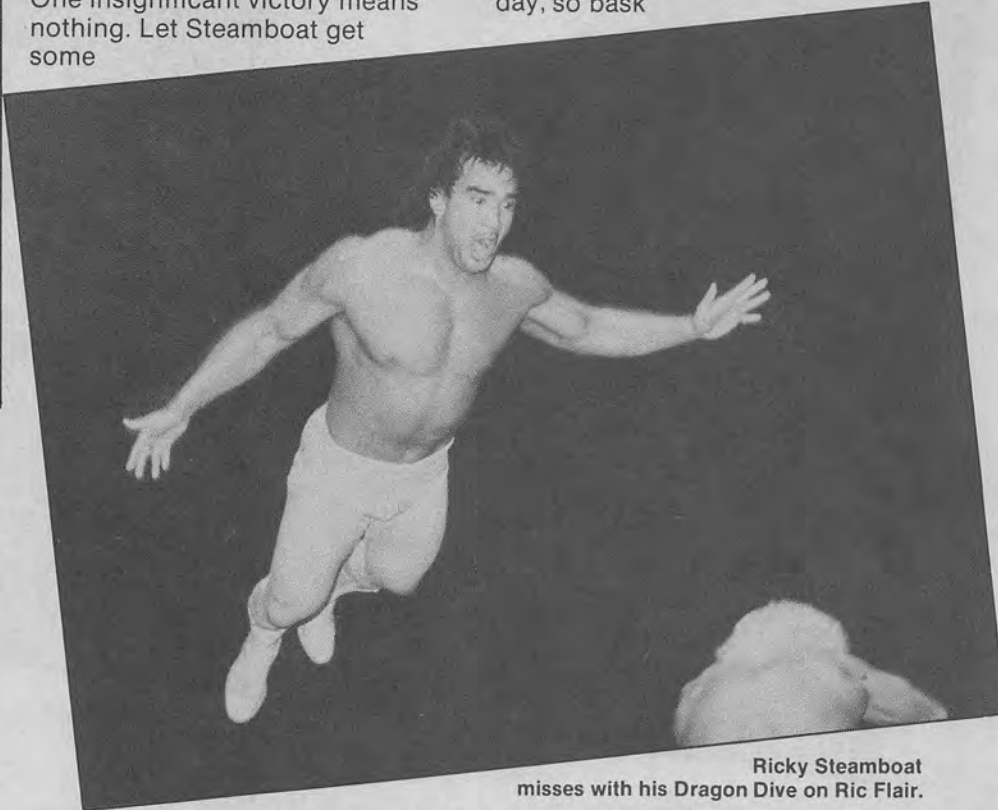
**Ricky Steamboat comes to the rescue on behalf of his friend Eddie Gilbert.**

over. Flair was screaming as he confronted steamboat. Steamboat remained calm as he told Flair he was gunning for the title. Flair ranted on how nobody makes him look the fool. Flair was beside himself now, screaming away. One thing was for sure, this pinfall victory over Flair by Steamboat, catapulted The Dragon to top title

contention, whether Flair liked it or not. Moments later in the privacy of their dressing room, Dillon, Flair and Windham tried to get a handle on their emotions. Said Dillon, "There is no reason to get excited. So Steamboat got lucky out there. It happens. This doesn't mean Steamboat will get any championship matches. He must prove himself all over again. One insignificant victory means nothing. Let Steamboat get some

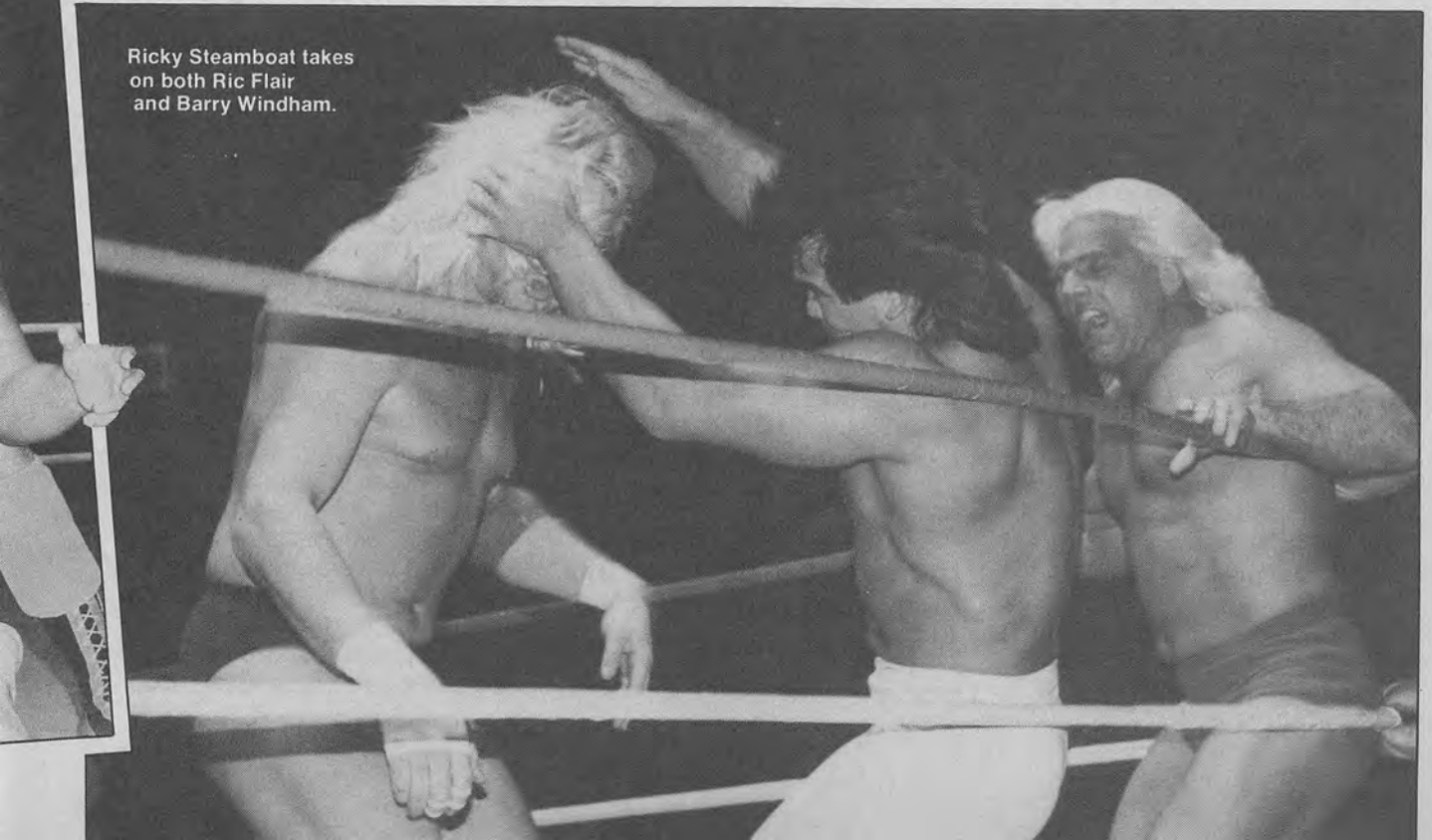
well earned victories that mean something before he even dreams of wrestling Slick Ric."

Flair wasn't quite so calm, his hair wet from perspiration, his eyes bulging from exasperation from his screaming earlier on TV, Ric exploded, "Steamboat you have crossed the danger line. Nobody makes Ric Flair look silly out there. you have had your day, so bask



**Ricky Steamboat misses with his Dragon Dive on Ric Flair.**

**Ricky Steamboat takes on both Ric Flair and Barry Windham.**



# The Dragon

Ricky Steamboat sends Rick Flair flying with this hiptoss.



in the quick glory. The next time is my turn. You made me remember how good you were. I had forgotten your style, but, it came back too late for me. Ah, the next time I'll be ready. You want me Steamboat and someday soon we'll meet and then, then I'll show you what climbing Stone Mountain is like. You do remember Stone Mountain, don't you? You always tried the climb, only I swept you off. You were retired Steamboat, you should have stayed retired. I'll see you get retired again."

Ricky Steamboat had been retired, as Flair said. For well over a year, after three successful years in the WWF. It was while in the WWF that Steamboat acquired the name "The Dragon." Steamboat had many great and memorable matches. At one time Ricky wore with great pride, the WWF

Intercontinental Championship, which he had won from Randy Savage, only to lose it to The Honky Tonk Man. The WWF fans still remember those two matches, as well as his feuds with Jake Roberts, Hercules Hernandez and Magnificent Don Muraco.

Well over a decade ago, Ricky Steamboat started his mat career,

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following in the footsteps of his famous wrestling father Sam Steamboat. Ricky wrestled throughout the Mid-Atlantic regions, Florida and the NWA. Ricky gathered such championships as: NWA U.S. Heavyweight Champion; Mid-Atlantic Champion; Mid-Atlantic TV Champion; NWA World Tag Team champions, three times with the late Jay Youngblood. The one championship that has always eluded Steamboat has been world champion. Not that Ricky was never granted a title shot. He had had his fair share, but failed to come away with the coveted gold, against, you guessed it, Ric Flair. They had their battles and many were considered mat classics. Flair always knew his NWA Belt hinged on the tottering brink against Steamboat. When Ricky decided to venture into the WWF in 1985, Flair breathed a sigh of elated relief. Much water has flowed under the bridge since, for both Flair and Steamboat. Flair



Ricky Steamboat uses his own Figure 4 Leglock on Ric Flair.

has been in the thick of the championship picture, all this this time. Ricky, on the other hand, never did receive a title chance against WWF title holders Hulk Hogan and Randy Savage. As stated earlier, Ricky did win the Intercontinental Belt from Savage during Wrestlemania III.

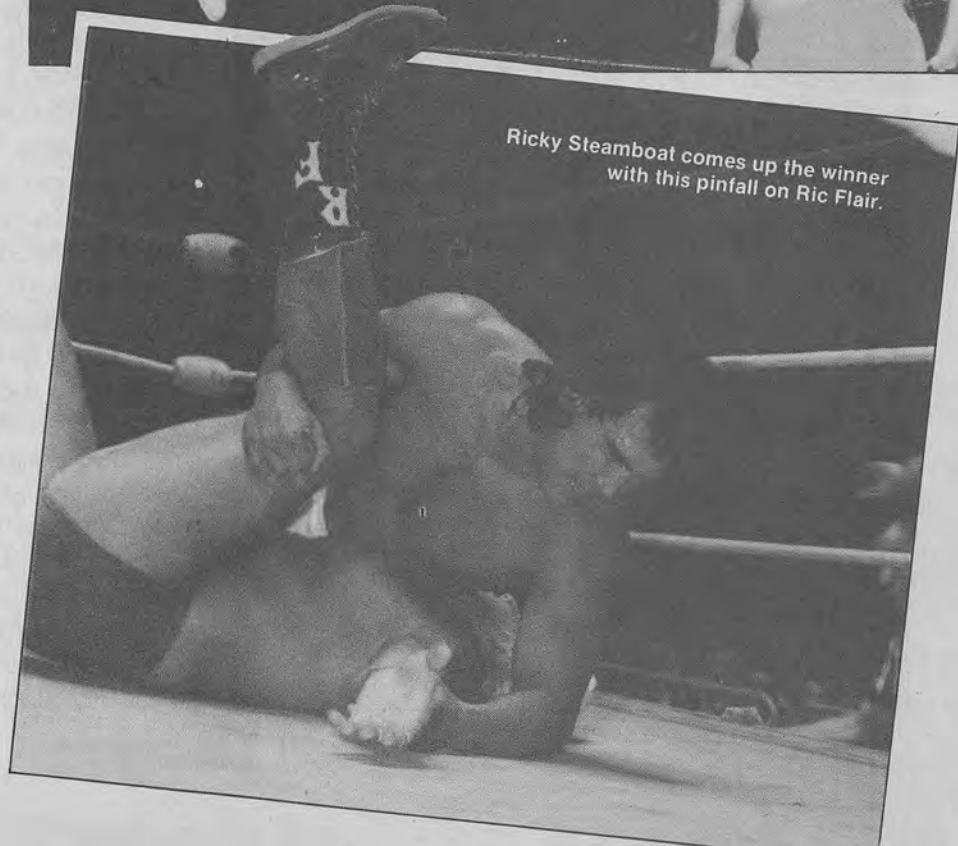
As Ricky Steamboat started his comeback with matches, his wife and little son Ricky, Jr., accompanied him. The Dragon made it known, "This is a family affair. I want the NWA Championship for myself, as I've always did, only now I want it for my family. I want my son to grow up knowing his dad was once the world champion." As the big match approached for the Chi-Town Rumble in Chicago on February 20, turmoil erupted among The Horsemen. J.J. Dillon sold his interest to Hiro Matsuda and left the NWA. It was now up to former mat star turned manager Matsuda to guide Ric Flair. To say their long-awaited confrontation was another mat classic goes without saying. It was a thing of beauty. Steamboat was ready and Flair was his regal self. Confidence oozed from his inner being. They wrestled like two warriors in a field of honor. When it was over, it was The Dragon by

a pinfall. Flair shook his head in total disbelief. He couldn't grasp the outcome. The cheers were deafening for the new champion.

For Ricky Steamboat, his lifelong dream of being champion had happened. For Ric Flair, his fifth title reign had ended. Steamboat said afterwards, "I'm not going to hide. I'll defend this belt with honor. Flair wants a rematch and I'll give him as many as he wants. I don't know how long I'll wear this beautiful gold belt, but one thing is for sure. I'll treasure these passing days always."



Ricky Steamboat is letter perfect with his Dragon Dive on Ric Flair.



Ricky Steamboat comes up the winner with this pinfall on Ric Flair.

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# **Flamingo Madness**



**Florida Championship Wrestling (FCW) has matches that must be seen to be believed. This photo feature catches the matches that thrilled the fans in the sunshine state.**

*Photos by PETE LEDERBERG*

**I**n the late 1970's Florida Championship Wrestling was one of the hottest promotions in the country. Lead by Gordon Solie and Dusty Rhodes they produced one of the most widely viewed shows on television, and had a roster of talent second to none.

It's 1989 and The American Dream is in the ring, and "The Dean Of Announcers" is back behind the mike and "Flamingo Madness" is exploding all over the Sunshine State, as the banner of the F.C.W. is once again flying high.

The Homecoming I&II have established the F.C.W. as a top notch promotion once again, and we at Championship Wrestling Magazine congratulate the P.W.F. and president Randy Roberts for presenting the great talent and fantastic action that's been associated with Florida wrestling.

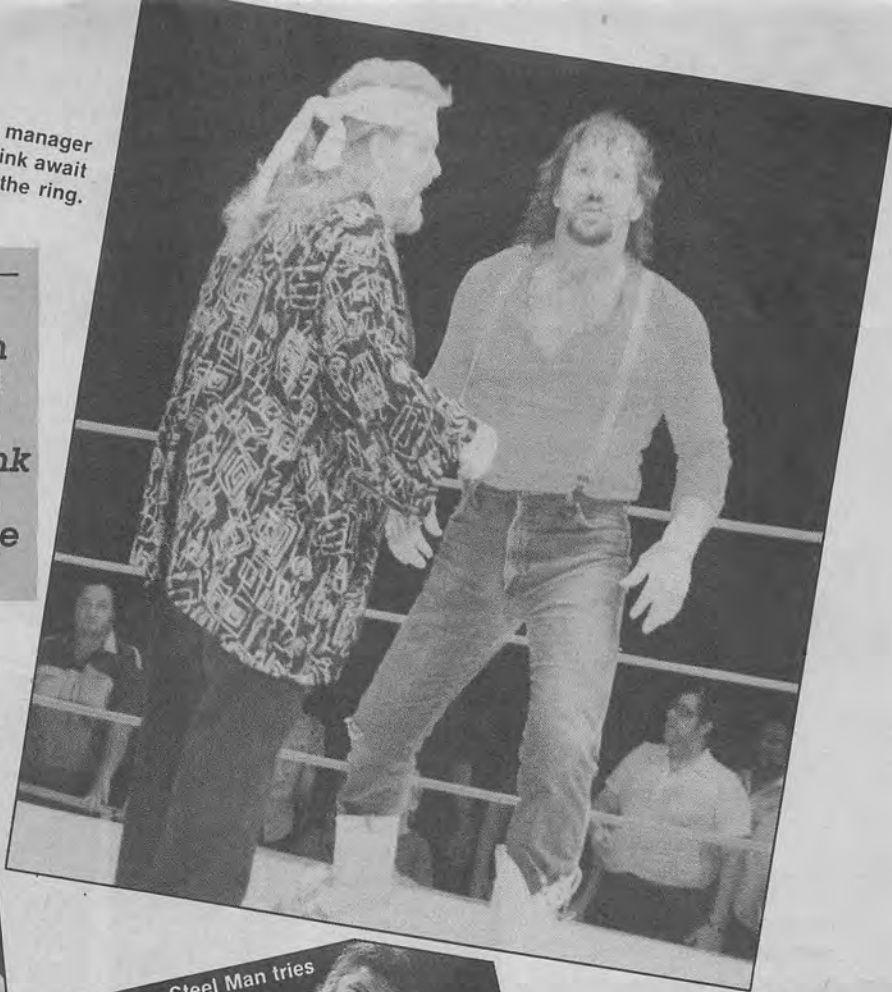
Our special photo feature highlights the stars and the feuds that are the reason fans everywhere are tuning in and turning out at arenas all over the Sunshine State for sensational mat action. ■





Terry Funk with his manager  
Sir Oliver Humperdink await  
Dusty's entrance in the ring.

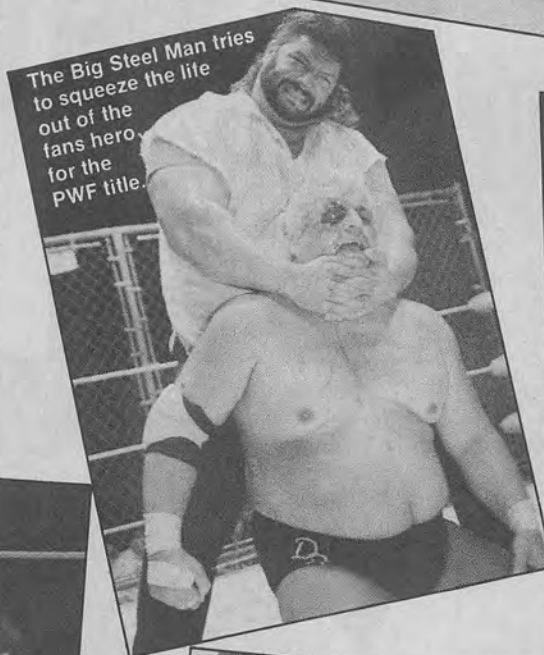
**The American Dream,  
Dusty Rhodes, has been  
in several wars with the  
Big Steel Man and the  
unpredictable Terry Funk  
and the photos below  
give new meaning to the  
phrase blood bath.**



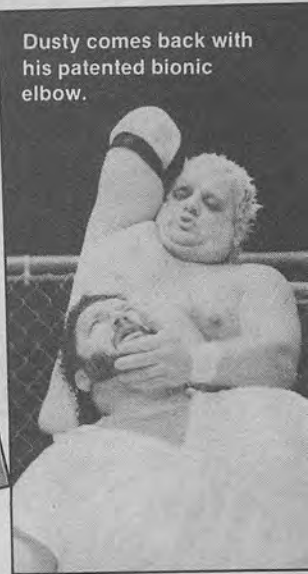
Dusty and  
Funk battle  
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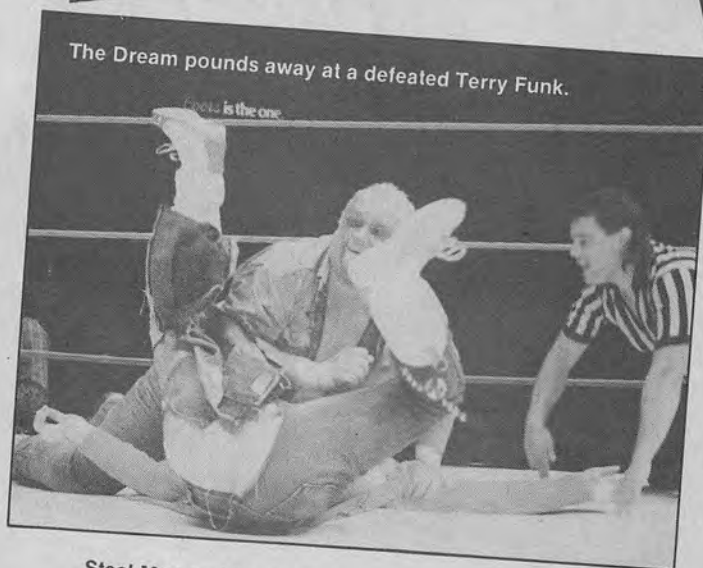
The Big Steel Man tries  
to squeeze the life  
out of the  
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for the  
PWF title.



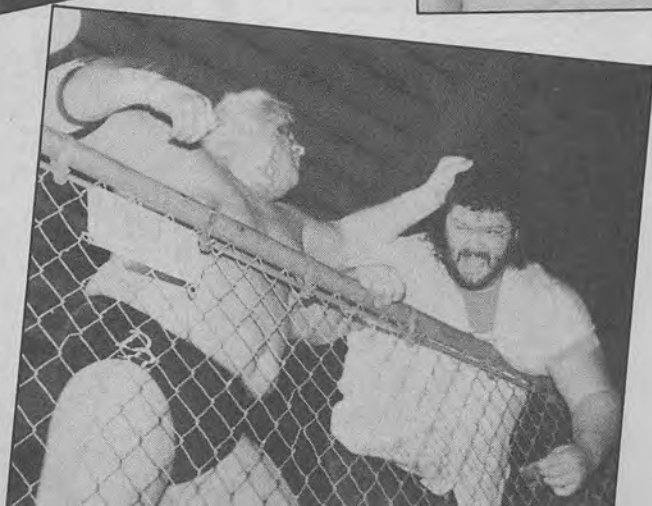
Dusty comes back with  
his patented bionic  
elbow.



The Dream pounds away at a defeated Terry Funk.



Steel Man and Dusty battle on the top of the cage, and when it was  
over the PWF title belt was held up in a controversial decision.



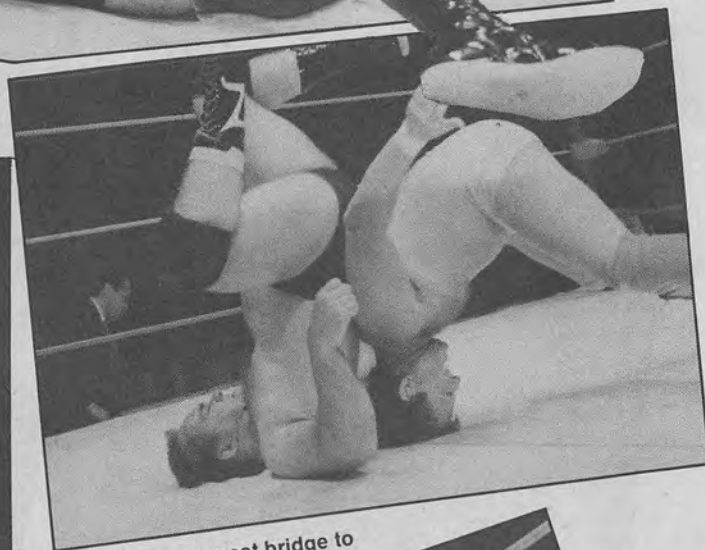


Zbyszko has Graham in a side head lock controlling the action.

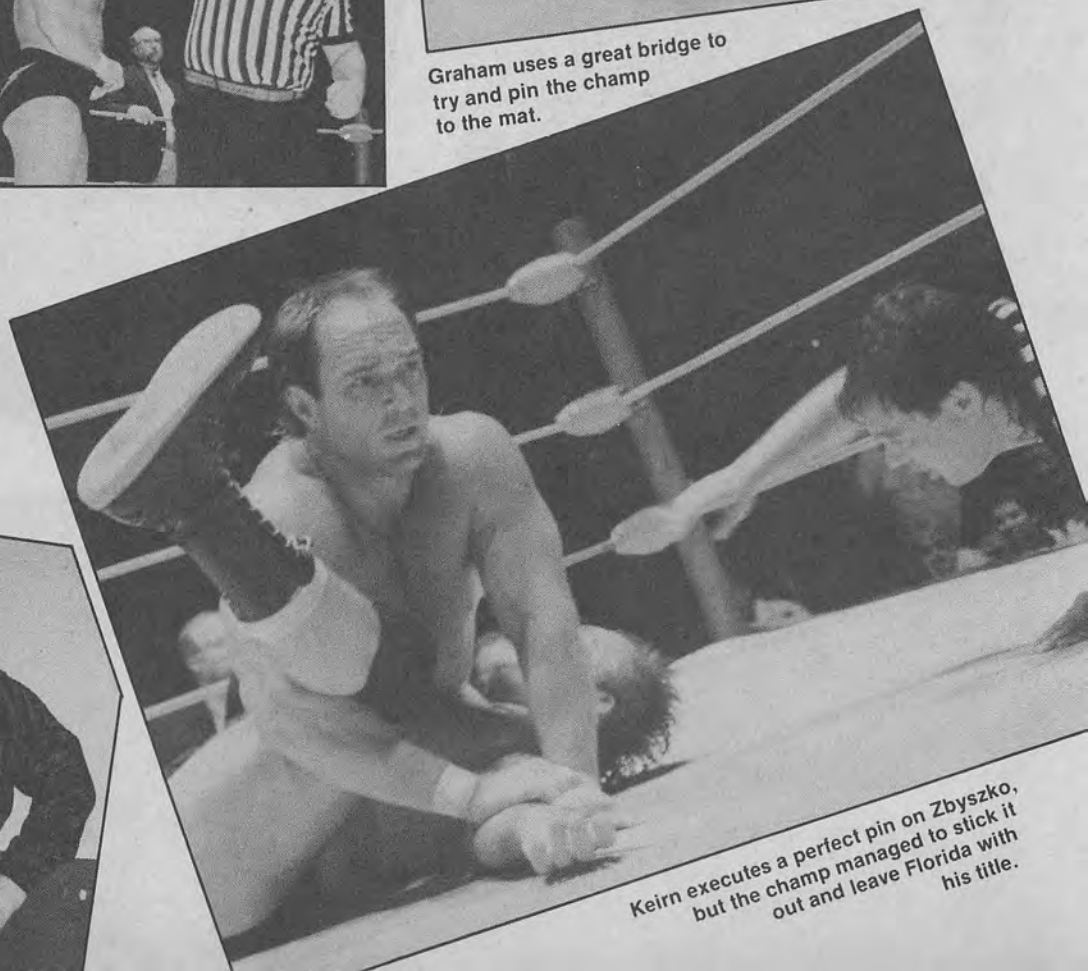
**The AWA Champion Larry Zbyszko defended his title in several bouts including major bouts against Mike Graham and Steve "gator" Keirn. The self-proclaimed "Living Legend," Zbyszko left Florida with his belt after some close calls with Graham and Keirn.**

"Gator" Keirn awaits his title opportunity as the referee signifies that it's all up for grabs.

In a test of strength neither man gains an advantage.

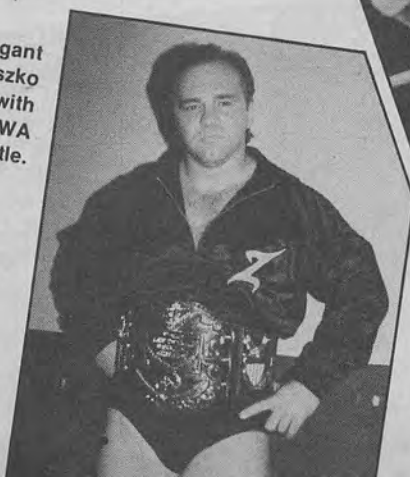


Graham uses a great bridge to try and pin the champ to the mat.



Keirn executes a perfect pin on Zbyszko, but the champ managed to stick it out and leave Florida with his title.

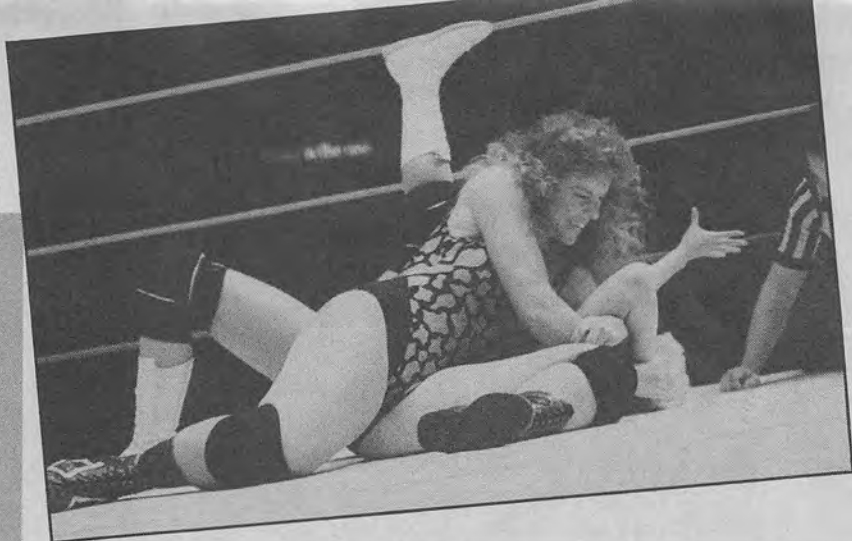
The arrogant Zbyszko poses with his AWA title.



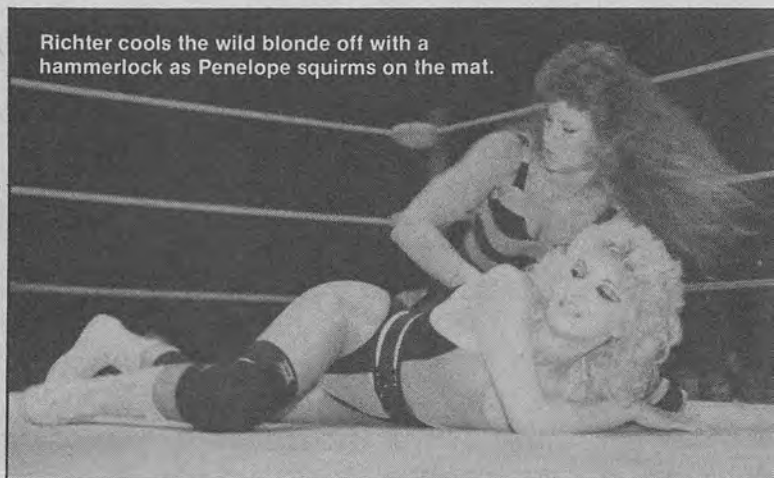


Wendi controls the pace with an arm lock on the challenger.

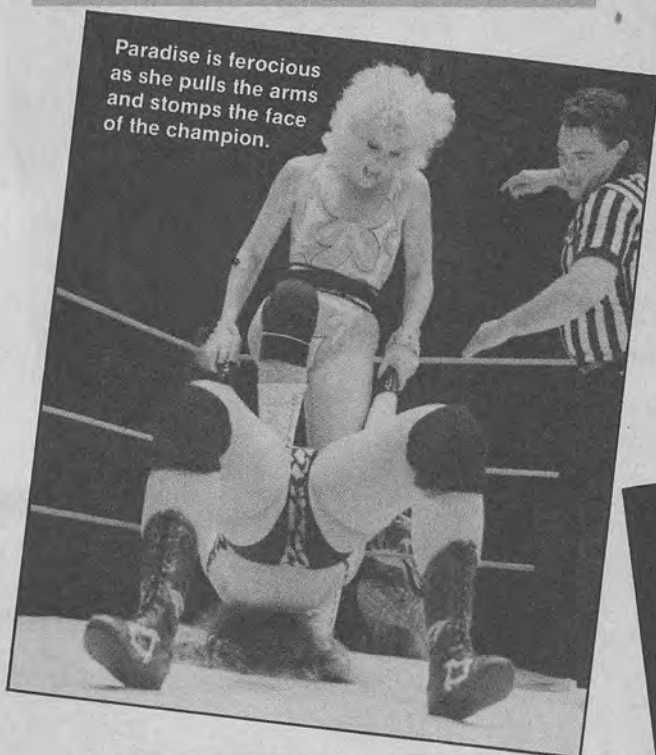
Wendi Richter is acknowledged as one of the greatest ladies champions of all time and the PWF negotiated to bring her to Florida for a series of title defenses against the beautiful, but deadly, Penelope Paradise.



Richter cools the wild blonde off with a hammerlock as Penelope squirms on the mat.



Paradise is ferocious as she pulls the arms and stomps the face of the champion.



A happy fan favorite Wendi Richter leaves the sunshine state with her title after a grueling series of bouts.



Paradise tries a boston crab on Wendi.

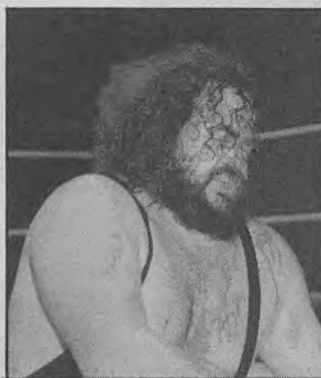
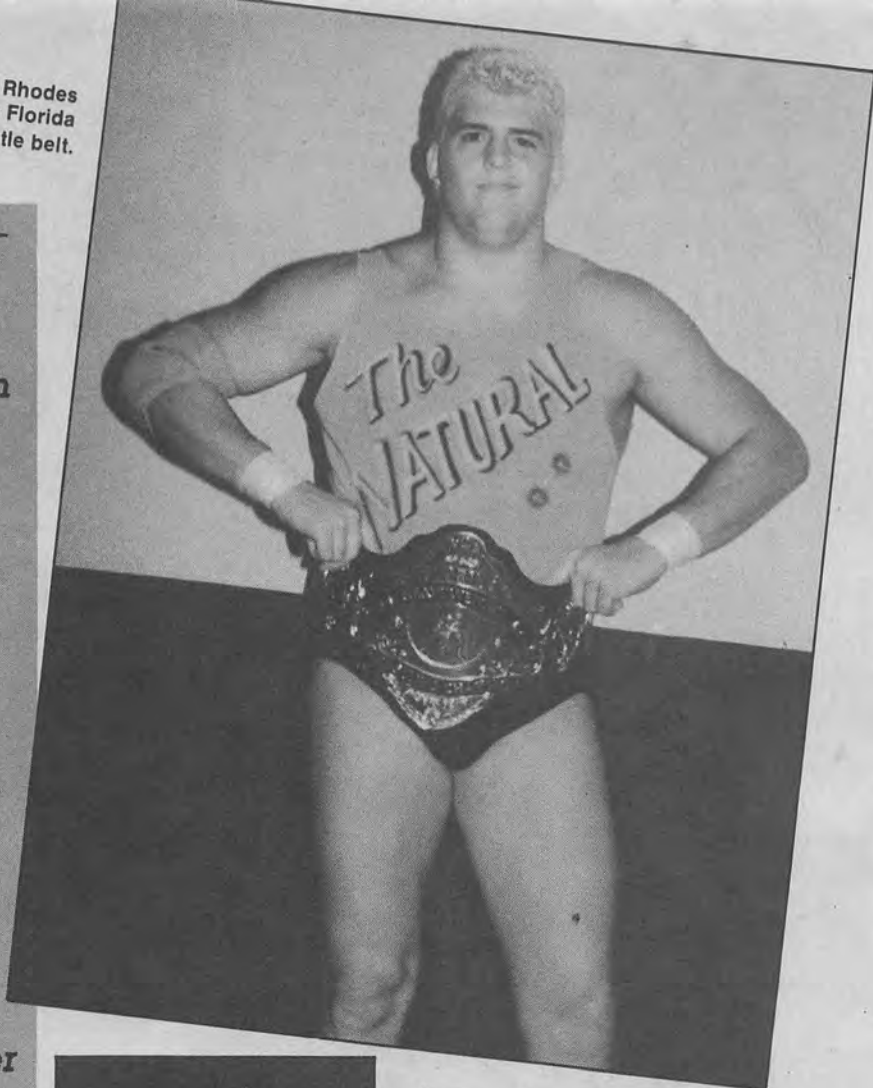




THE NATURAL Dustin Rhodes poses proudly with the Florida Heavyweight title belt.

**"THE NATURAL" Dustin Rhodes is the youngest man to ever hold the Florida State title, which he won from Al Perez, and he is also the co-holder of the FCW tag team belts with Mike Graham.**

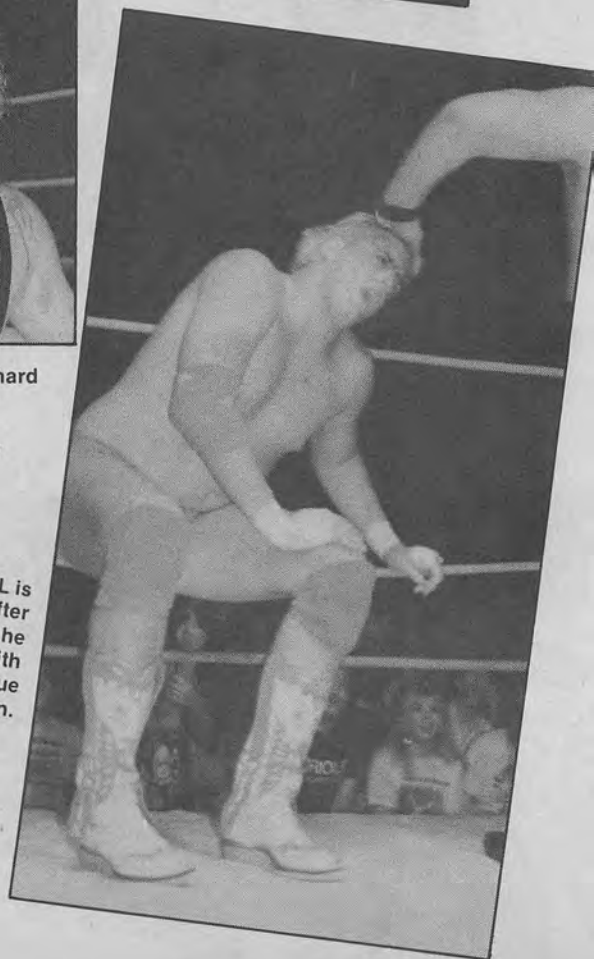
Dustin is being challenged by a long list of wrestlers like The Terminator, Dirty White Boy, Terry Funk and Dory Funk, but the most determined man appears to be Black Bart. The wild team has turned their matches into pier-6 brawls, and as the photos show, the blood is flowing all over this great state.

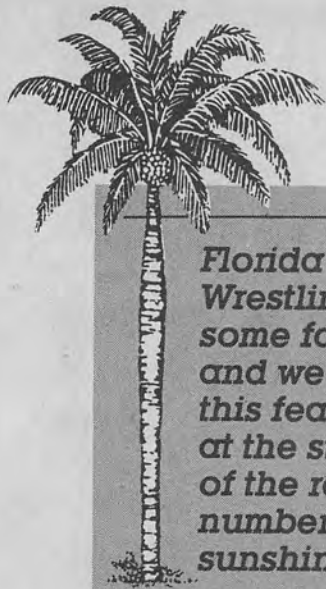


Black Bart finds out the hard way that there is a lot of heart in Dustin as he struggles to his feet after Rhodes took his fists to the big Texan.

THE NATURAL is helped to his feet after retaining his title, but he knows that the war with Black Bart will continue to rage on.

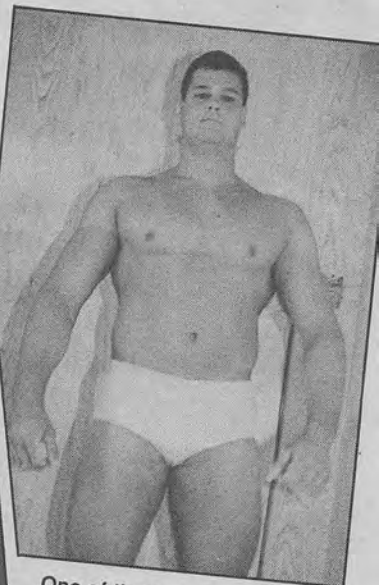
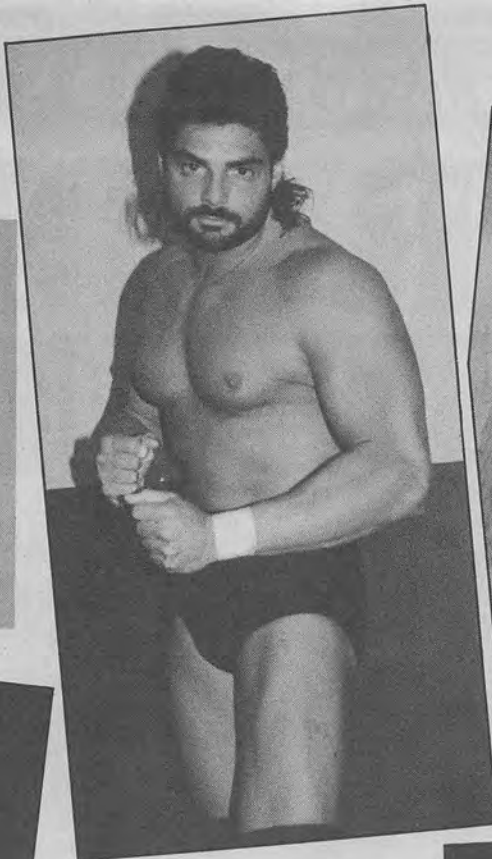
Black Bart tries to choke the life out of Dustin in this free-for-all match.





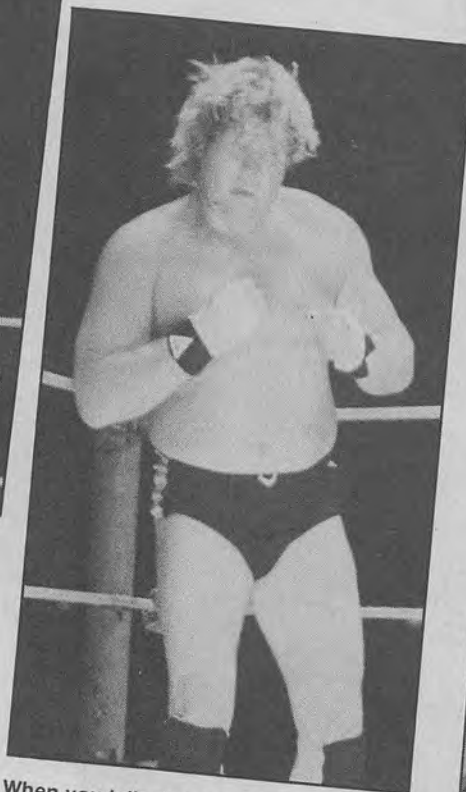
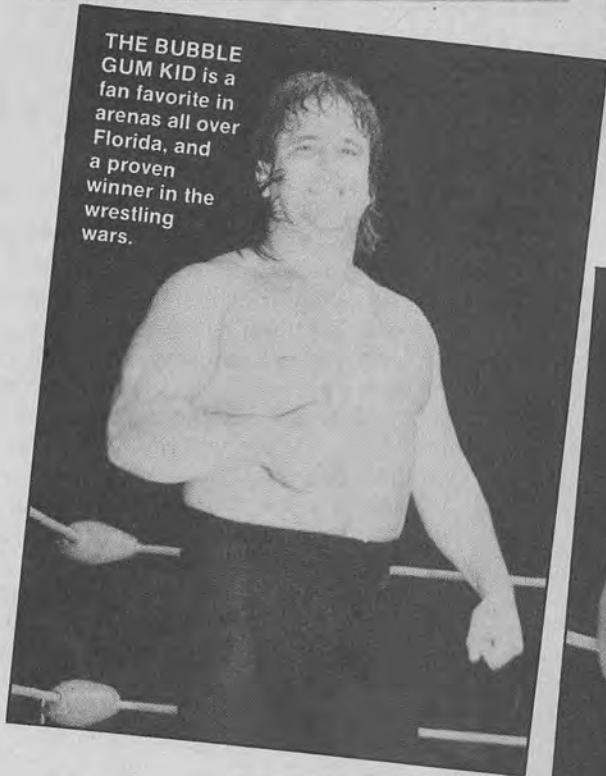
The young man pictured here is **LIGHTENING LOU PEREZ**, and he is following in the foot steps of cousin **AL PEREZ**.

**Florida Championship Wrestling can boast of some fantastic talent, and we will round out this feature with a look at the stars that are part of the reason the PWF is number one in the sunshine state.**

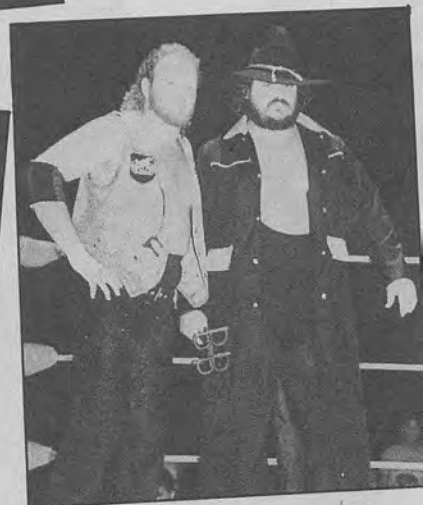


One of the great rookies in the FCW is **MIKE AWESOME**, and his name about says it all.

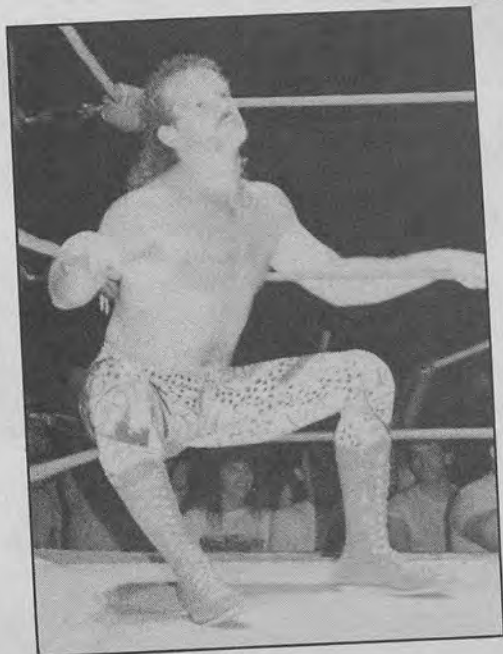
**THE BUBBLE GUM KID** is a fan favorite in arenas all over Florida, and a proven winner in the wrestling wars.



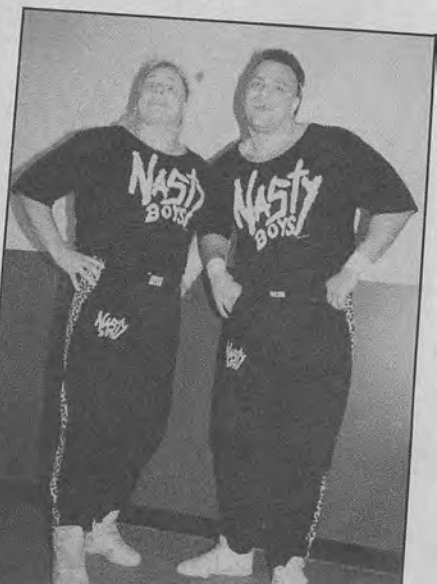
When you talk about double tough, the name **DICK SLATER** has to come to mind, as you see he is bloodied but unbowed.



The **SOUTHERN FORCE** are **THE DIRTY WHITE BOY** and **BLACK BART**, and their battles with Nasty Boys are legendary.



**JOMO KENYA** is being controled by the sadistic Kareem Mohammad, and the witch doctor Lamumba, and the bizarre happenings surrounding this man **KENYA** is too unusual to understand.



One of the most popular teams in the FCW are the **NASTY BOYS**, and the fans go wild whenever Knobs and Saggs appear.

**SGT. SLAUGHTER VS COL. DEBEERS**

# WAR ZONE OF DESTRUCTION!



*Is this a private war between two wrestlers who hate each other? Is this a war of one country against another? Is it a war about right or wrong? You be the judge.*

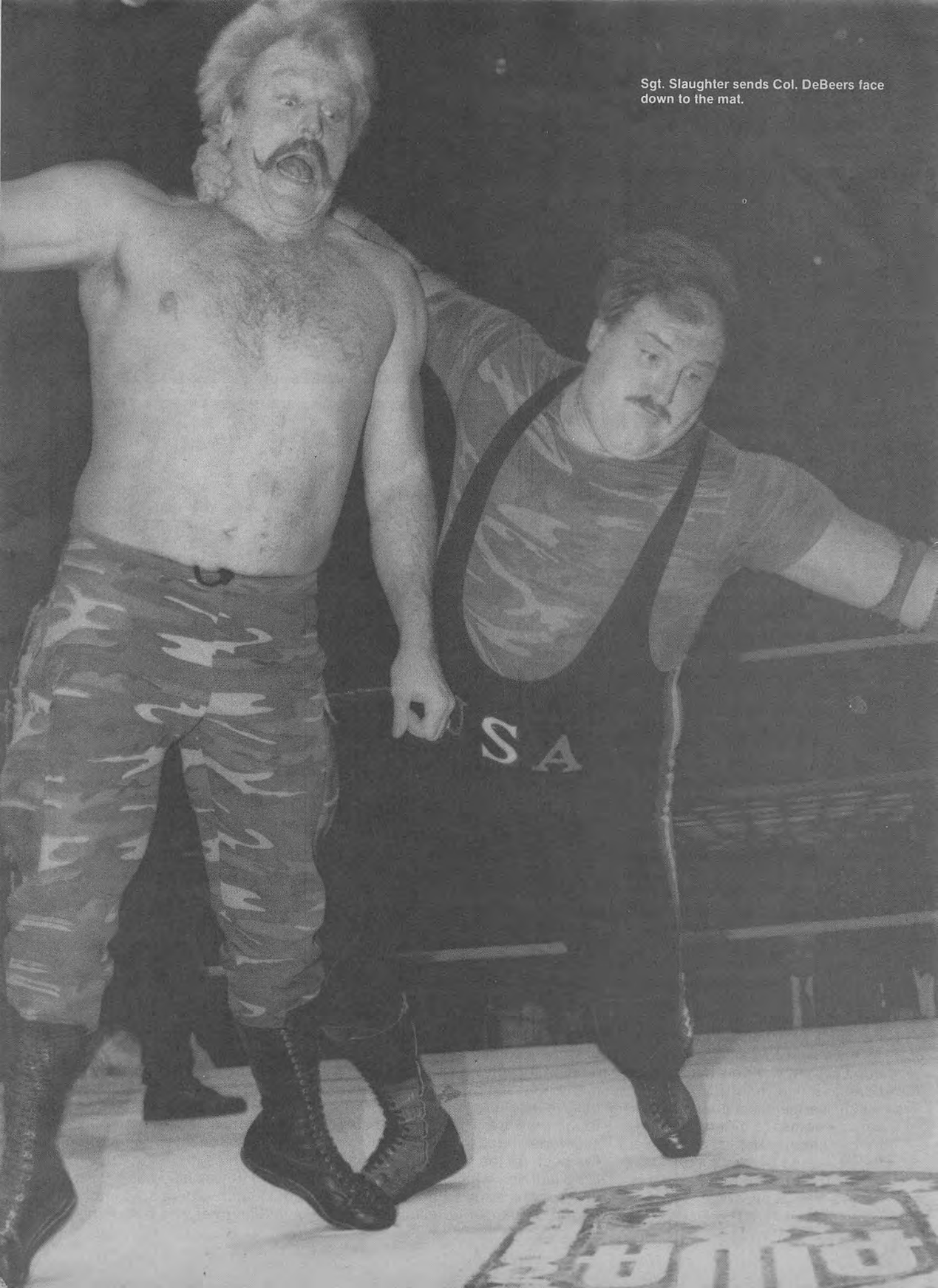
**BY ANDY MILLARY**

**T**here is a war going on in the AWA between two wrestlers with military backgrounds. One is Sgt. Slaughter, a former marine D.I. from Parris Island. The other is Col. DeBeers from South Africa, who served his country and later became a paid mercenary. Both grapplers are proud of their country and make no bones about defending it. The feud between Slaughter and DeBeers started as a war of words. It has since escalated into a full scale physical war. Their battlefield is the wrestling ring. It is the good guy against the bad guy. The fans have sided with Slaughter and with good reason. He's their hero. A real life G.I. Joe, who loves his country, and dare anyone who sounds off against it.

Sgt. Slaughter oozes patriotism from every pore of his body, which is 6 feet, six inches and 300 pounds. Slaughter works his way towards the ring with the U.S. Marine Hymn played over the sound system. Slaughter carries small American flags, which he hands to his fans. If fans wave an American flag Sarge stops and salutes. If one is looking for a hero they need not look further than Sgt. Bob Slaughter. It is not

**Sgt. Slaughter, in full military ring attire, is America's Hero.**

Sgt. Slaughter sends Col. DeBeers face down to the mat.



# SLAUGHTER VS DEBEERS



Sgt. Slaughter and arch rival Col. DeBeers eyeball each other before the war begins.

uncommon to see Slaughter recite The Pledge of Allegiance after a match.

Sgt. Slaughter admits he doesn't like Col. DeBeers. No, he hates DeBeers, pure and simple. "The man is a maggot. He hates America. He hates all of us. DeBeers is a bigot. I don't agree with DeBeers, even about the time of day. What comes from his filthy mouth is garbage. Why America lets this lowlife maggot get away with his filth is beyond me. I won't and don't stand for it and I've made it my personal goal to send this maggot back to where he crawled from. I have a ticket for him on the first rowboat out of here."

Col. DeBeers feels equal disdain for Sgt. Slaughter. "He's a cartoon character. All Americans are soft. Soft in mind and body. America is soft. How this country can allow certain individuals to walk freely about astounds me. In my country this is not allowed. Slaughter trained young men to fight a war they never expected to win. As a mercenary I never fought to lose. As a wrestler I wrestle to win. I don't care how. I do what must be done to attain victory."

Col. DeBeers is a man of word when it comes to getting a victory by any means. The list of wrestlers being injured by him keeps growing. The hold that helps this list is a frontal piledriver. That when administered by DeBeers is



POW! Right to the kisser by Sgt. Slaughter sends Col. DeBeers rocking.



Col. DeBeers is choking Sgt. Slaughter with help from the ropes.

devastating. DeBeers uses this hold in almost every match to finish off his opponents. This hold is dangerous enough when administered inside the ring. Can you imagine what effects it has when administered outside the ring, on a concrete floor, or a wooden floor? Sgt. Slaughter knows. He has felt the effects first hand. "This maggot takes great pleasure in hurting his opponents. He has a mean streak which obviously comes from his mercenary years. I've known some mercenaries in my day and they believe in letting you know how tough they are. This maggot hates everyone, it doesn't matter why. I've been on the receiving end of his piledriver, which luckily I was able to walk away without serious injury. DeBeers injured a tag team



Sgt. Slaughter gives a big twist to the arm of Col. DeBeers.

partner of mine and he was carried out on a stretcher. This maggot is one sick individual. He must be stopped, and I'm just the guy to do it."

For well over six months the war between Sgt. Slaughter and Col. DeBeers has taken them throughout the AWA territory. Each and every match have been brutal. Blood has been spilled by both. Each has injured the other. Their most critical encounter took place in Chicago during Super Clash III. It was billed as a Boot Camp Match, where anything went. Slaughter was well on his



Sgt. Slaughter catches Col. DeBeers with a perfect elbow smash.

Sgt. Slaughter pounds away at Col. DeBeers in their feud.

Col. DeBeers has Sgt. Slaughter in a bad way by dropping down on his back.



way to victory when DeBeers was saved by The Iron Sheik and Sheik Adnan El Kaissie. Slaughter says, "My Cobra Clutch had DeBeers going under when those other maggots interfered. A bully is a coward, and always needs help when the chips are down. DeBeers is a bully and coward hiding behind arrogance."

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Derrick Dukes of The Top Guns also has had his run-ins with DeBeers. He says, "I've seen this maniac injure wrestlers. I know he hates me, not because I'm a wrestler so much. This sorry excuse is a bigot. The man is sick with hate."

Diamond Dallas Page who helped bring DeBeers back to the AWA and manages him says, "Col. DeBeers is a winner because he's a no-nonsense wrestler. He became part of my Diamond Exchange because I only have winners. I don't get involved with what someone thinks or feels. I deal in wrestling, and DeBeers

wins for me. This Sgt. Slaughter is fast with name calling. He stuck his big fat face into DeBeers' matches. He started this feud, and now he wishes he never did. Slaughter is one unhappy dude."

Col. DeBeers at 6 feet, 3 inches and 270 pounds, wears a military



Sgt. Slaughter wants more of Col. DeBeers who refused to come back to wrestle.



camouflage pants, red beret and combat boots. He always carries a swagger stick, which often is used to whack his opponents. DeBeers struts about, with full arrogance, often twisting the ends of his mustache. The South African mercenary is considered by many as the most hated wrestler in the AWA outside of AWA Champion Larry Zbyszko. There are those who would debate this.

"I could care less on what these infantile fans may think of the good Colonel," comments DeBeers. "These Americans cheer the likes of Derrick Dukes, which is abominable. This would never be in my country. They once cheered for that Superfly person, er, Jimmy Snuka. You know what I did to him. Dukes will get the same. That also goes for Slaughter."

Sgt. Slaughter, the superpatriot of wrestling, is far from finished with DeBeers. "My Cobra Clutch and Cannon Shot will make DeBeers run for cover. Yeah, he's tough and all, but he's never going to win. We Americans are rougher and tougher. When the chips are down nobody can fight like us folks here in the good old USA. DeBeers is going down and this marine will wave old glory over his maggot body!" ■



# BETELGEUSE COMES ALIVE

**With The Help Of  
Rowdy Roddy Piper!**

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*Art Barr is a young wrestler from a wrestling family. Overly popular with the fans. Suddenly he is Betelgeuse, of the wrestling ring. Find out how Art became Betelgeuse and why he loves his new identity.*

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**I**n February, Rowdy Roddy Piper publicly transformed Northwest rookie Art Barr into Betelgeuse, and a dramatic metamorphosis occurred. Like a caterpillar that sheds its cocoon to soar on the wings of a butterfly, the Portland, Oregon, native lost one identity and gained another. In the space of a few minutes, Barr's personality and appearance were absolutely altered.

The transition from Barr to Betelgeuse was abrupt, yet the young grappler believes this new image probably existed in his subconscious mind as far back as his childhood. The son of pro wrestler Sandy Barr, Art discovered the sport of wrestling early in life. And by the time he entered the first grade, he had already made up his mind to follow in his dad's footsteps. In fact, he remembers, "When my friends talked about becoming pilots and firemen and policemen, I told them I wanted to wrestle. Some of the other kids even laughed at me because I had my heart set on something different."

But as young as he was, Art knew exactly what he wanted out of life and went after it. At the age of six he pursued a dual education, learning the ABCs and the basics of amateur wrestling simultaneously. His schooling



Betelgeuse loves to get in with his fans, at all the arenas.

in the latter started with memberships in two hometown organizations—the Columbia Boys Club and a wrestling club called USA Oregon. As long as he kept his grades up, his dad agreed to let the youngster participate in both clubs' juvenile wrestling programs.

Art recollects, "There was a lot of competition in those groups. And often the age groups didn't start young enough, so I had to wrestle kids in junior high when I was in the third and fourth grades. It was all competition tournaments, and I did pretty well."

Barr's amateur involvement continued throughout his school years, so when he picked up his high school diploma he believed he knew enough about wrestling to turn pro. But he had figured wrong. "My dad told me I still had a long way to go. Not only did I have weight to gain, I had a lot of training ahead of me before I was ready for my first professional match. And just to make sure I learned properly, he planned to be my trainer."



Art Barr shows The Grappler how to twist the left leg.



Art Barr delivers a perfect Dropkick which topples The Grappler.

# BETELGEUSE

By then Art's father, Sandy, had given up life on the road and limited his ring participation to refereeing, but he was willing—even eager—to set his son on the right track. He had a wealth of knowledge to share, knowledge acquired from years of wrestling experience, and he felt certain Art would be an outstanding pupil. But he was a perfectionist who demanded nothing less than the best—especially from a family member—and Art remembers the daily training sessions as intense and grueling.

Two long, arduous years later Art stepped into the ring for his first pro bout. "It was on Thanksgiving day in 1986," he recalls, "and my opponent was a powerful roughouser named Gorgeous Joey Jackson. Even after all that training, I found out I was as green as grass, and by the time the match was over every muscle in my body was sore. Jackson taught me that there's a big difference between working out and wrestling an opponent who wants to beat you."

Since then, Art has served an apprenticeship that has made him aware of the career highs and lows a wrestler continually

encounters. On the plus side, he snatched the Pacific Northwest TV championship from a pack of experienced veterans during a wild battle royal in November 1987. And when he later lost the title to wily Arab A-Buddha-Dein, he took it in stride. "There'll be

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other championships," he stated with conviction.

Also, in both 1987 and 1988, the young athlete collected the lion's share of fan votes—plus a pair of handsome trophies—when he walked away with the Northwest Rookie of the Year award.

But Barr's career hit a few rough spots as well. The worst occurred when a serious knee injury inflicted by the masked Grappler sidelined him for six weeks. "When my knee was first hurt I tried to ignore it," he says. "But when it got to the point where I couldn't straighten or bend my leg, I had to have orthoscopic surgery to remove the damaged cartilage. After all those weeks out of action, it was just about the happiest day of my life when the doctor finally allowed me back in the ring."

All these events happened before February 4 of this year, the date Roddy Piper visited the Portland Sports Arena and introduced Northwest fans to the spirit of Betelgeuse, subliminally submerged until then in Art Barr's psyche. With Piper's help the changeover took place in front of a packed house, plus a big television audience tuned in to watch the Saturday-night wrestling card.

As the TV cameras rolled, Piper barked commands like a Marine drill sergeant. "Get a towel!" he barked. Almost before the order left his lips, a kingsized terrycloth rectangle was whisked from the wrestlers' dressing room. In no-nonsense tones, Piper directed Art Bar behind the concealing curtain where the young grappler stripped down to his birthday suit, tossing each discarded garment to the



Art Barr is about to become Betelgeuse, as Roddy Piper displays his new ring attire.



Roddy Piper daubs some mystical greasepaint around the eyes of Art Barr.



Betelgeuse is born! Roddy Piper, Mike Golden, and Rex King like what they see.



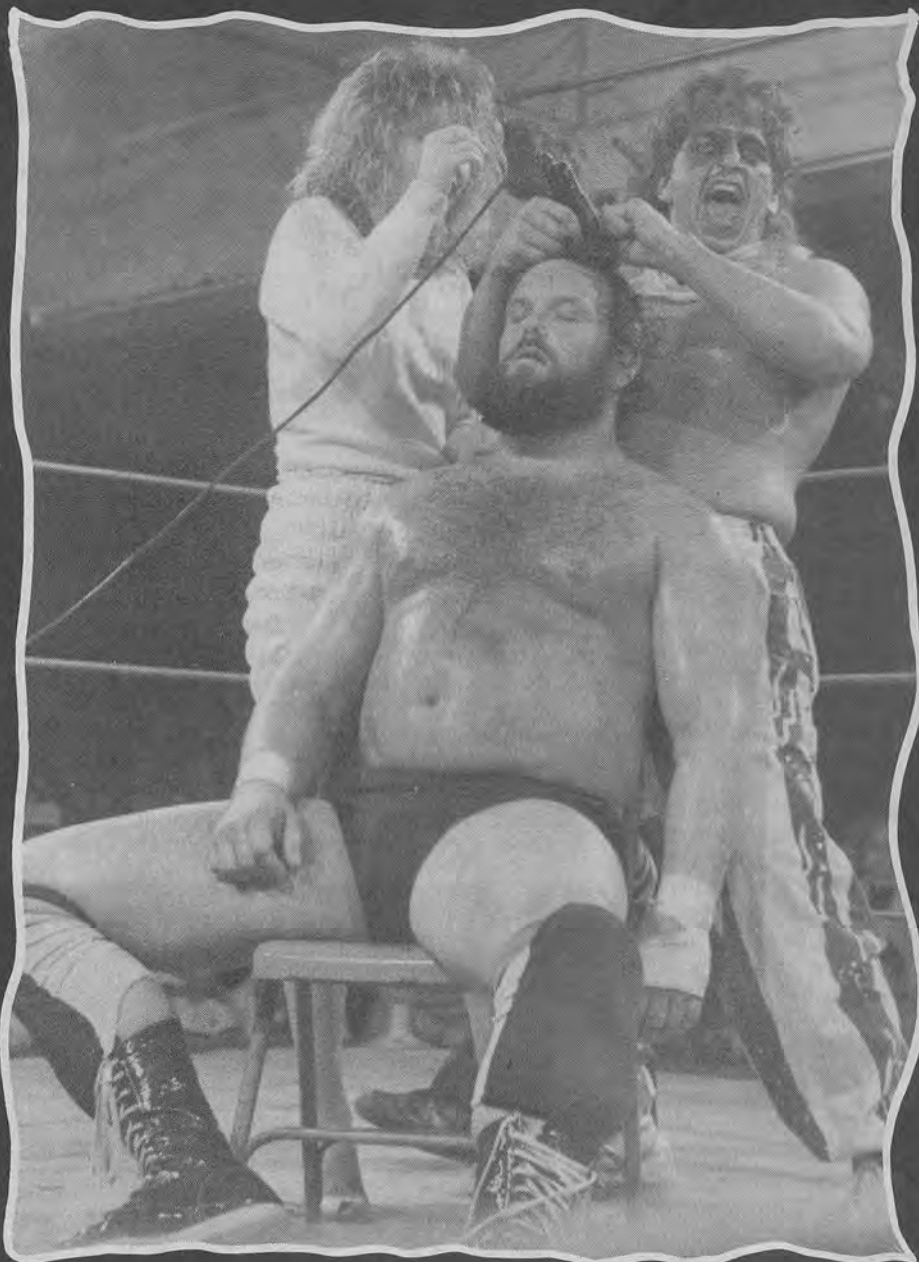
Art Barr admires the trophy he received as PNW Rookie of the Year 1988, voted by the fans.



Art Barr is extremely popular with fans in the Pacific Northwest. His dad is former mat star Sandy Barr, who referees in PNW.

rowdy one. Then, step by step, Piper created Betelgeuse.

Working on the bare Barr like a painter brushing at a blank canvas, Piper gave his subject a total new image. Bold black blobs of greasepaint circled Art's eyes and mouth, white powder flecked the wrestler's dark-brown hair. Next, a casual jacket, baggy multicolored pants, sneakers for



Betelgeuse wins a Hair -vs- Hair Match against Maniac Matt Borne and gets to play barber.

his feet: Betelgeuse was born!

Eerily, along with the different appearance, an entirely new entity emerged. Unlike Barr, Betelgeuse is a flamboyant, aggressive surprise package, who calls himself "the ghost with the most."

And Betelgeuse claims every element of his facade means something mysterious and special. He says, "The powder I sprinkle in my hair is made from a secret formula that sharpens my mind so I can outwit my opponents. The black rim around my eyes gives me the ability to see into the future and predict my opponents' next moves. Around my mouth, I use a mystical greasepaint that makes

me eloquent, so I am able to intimidate opponents verbally."

And according to Betelgeuse, his extraordinary clothes also are charmed. "The shoes are for flying, my jacket is for spirit and my pants provide strength. And everything combined gives me the power of magnetism—no matter how evil I am, the fans are compelled to accept and like me. I'm a ghost and I have control!"

Watching Art Barr outmaneuver opponents under the influence of his Betelgeuse personality, performing apparently supernatural moves as he flies around the ring, it's easy to believe that he's a man possessed. ■

# Body Slam

*The kid gloves are off on pro wrestling. This tell-it-like-it-is columnist gives a rock'em-sock'em viewpoint on the mat world.*

**BY ARNIE GROSS**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This publication wishes to express that the content of this column in no way reflects the opinions and views of this magazine. The contents therein are strictly those of the columnist.

**T**his is to **RICKY "THE DRAGON" STEAMBOAT** who wears the coveted NWA World Heavyweight Championship. You chalked up a victory over **RIC FLAIR** during Chi-Town Rumble on February 20. You think you earned your laurels, but, come on Steamboat, you were lucky. Yes, you even chalked up another unearned victory over Flair during Ragin' Cajun on April 2, on Clash of the Champions VI. Ricky baby, you saw for yourself that Flair had his right foot under the lower rope during the pinfall. Enjoy your championship reign while you may, because Ric Flair will regain the belt. I count the days until Flair shows the world why he is numero uno.

This is to **TERRY TAYLOR** who is embarrassing himself by going around as **THE RED ROOSTER** in the WWF. You had your opportunity to become what you always were, an exceptional wrestler, after breaking the shackles of **BOBBY HEENAN**. You go about with dyed red hair, twitching about and

bellowing cockle-doodly-doo, or whatever a rooster does. Is this where your once great wrestling ability has sunk to? Feuding with a prelim bum in the likes of **STEVE LOMBARDI, THE BROOKLYN BRAWLER**, is not the way to go. SHAME, SHAME ON YOU!

This is to **LARRY ZBYSZKO** who fulfilled his destiny by winning the

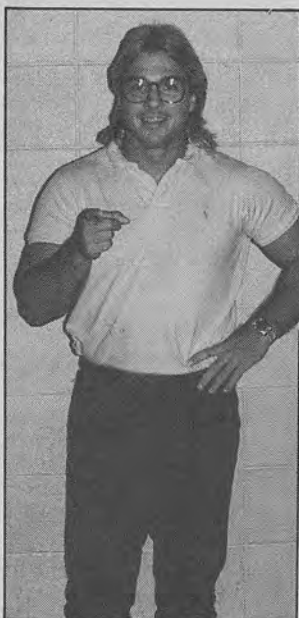
AWA World Heavyweight Championship. Larry, you defied all odds by outlasting a ringful of wrestlers in that Battle Royal, then tossing **TOM ZENK** over the top rope to win the championship. You made a very wise move by joining the AWA after your lawyers had your AWA suspension lifted. You showed all those weak minded Spudheads you are the best.



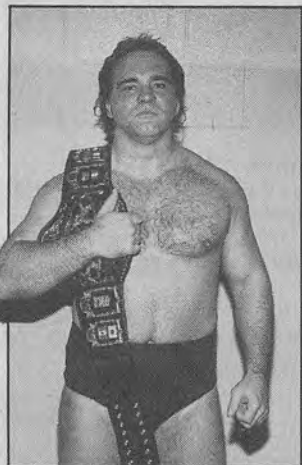
This is to **HULK HOGAN** who lied his way for over a year in the WWF. Yes, Hulkster you are a liar. You once helped **RANDY SAVAGE** to win the WWF World Heavyweight Championship. You joined with Savage to form **THE MAGAPOWERS**, with **MISS ELIZABETH** as your manager. You helped destroy this tag team. On interviews after your split with Savage, you said you never had any desire to regain the belt, especially from **MACHO MAN**. Yet, there you were on TV saying how you considered yourself a champion without a belt! These were your own words, from your own mouth. This means you secretly always harbored the belt. Well, at Wrestlemania V, on April 2, you regained the WWF Belt. I hope you are satisfied with yourself. You helped destroy The Megapowers. Help split Savage & Elizabeth. You may have your Hulkamaniacs bamboozled, but, you don't have me among your admirers. I'm not that DUMB!

This is to **THE ROCKERS, SHAUN MICHAELS & MARTY JANNETTY**, who are wasting their time in the WWF. Let's face it guys, the magic is gone. You look great during TV

**Badd COMPANY, PAT TANAKA** helps tag team partner **PAUL DIAMOND**. Has the loss of the belts going to split them?



Is **TERRY TAYLOR** a man or rooster? Hopefully Taylor will stop this embarrassment to his career.



**LARRY ZBYSZKO** deserves the accolades for making his destiny a reality.

matches against lesser knowledgeable opponents. Then comes the moment of truth, when you faceoff against such tag teams as **THE FABRULOUS ROUGEAUS**; **THE BRAINBUSTERS**, **ARN ANDERSON** and **TULLY BLANCHARD**; **BIG BOSS MAN** and **AKEEM**. You lose. The time has come for you to pack your bags and seek employment elsewhere. Leave before you both get hurt.

This is to **THE VARSITY CLUB** on their emergence as serious spoilers in the

NWA. Headed by their manager/coach **GAMESMASTER KEVIN SULLIVAN**, The Varsity Club has been kneedeep in the championship picture since their conception in early 1988. **MIKE ROTUNDA** has won the World TV Championship twice. Kevin and **STEVE "DR. DEATH" WILLIAMS** have held the U.S Tag Team Championship. Recently on April 2, during

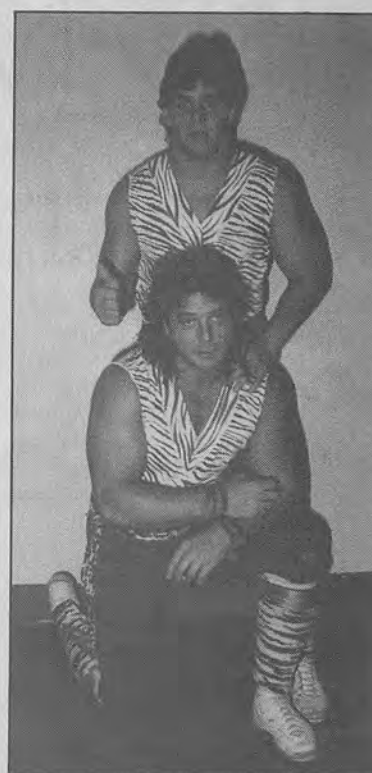
Clash of the Champions worked very hard to achieve his goal as world champion. He worked hard to unit both the AWA and WCCW titles when he defeated **KERRY VON ERICH** during Super Clash III. This was a miscarriage of justice.

This is to the NWA for their thoughtfulness on inviting former NWA World Heavyweight Champions



VI, Williams and Rotunda upset **THE ROAD WARRIORS** for the World Tag Team Championship. Now with newcomer **DAINGEROUS DANNY SPIVEY** among them, they are a fearsome foursome.

This is to the WCCW; CWA and CWF organizations under the banner of United States Wrestling Federation. After **JERRY LAWLER** was stripped of his AWA World Heavyweight Championship, the USWF continued to recognize Lawler as their Undisputed World Heavyweight Champion. I applaude their stand. The AWA never should have taken away their recognition of Lawler for missing several title defenses. Lawler



**THE ROCKERS** are not hacking it in the WWF. Should they pickup and go elsewhere?

Have **THE ROAD WARRIORS** met their match concerning **THE VARSITY CLUB**?

**BOBBY HEENAN** guided **RAVISHING RICK RUDE** to the WWF Inter-Continental Belt. This was Heenan's First taste of a title in the WWF.



# Body Slam

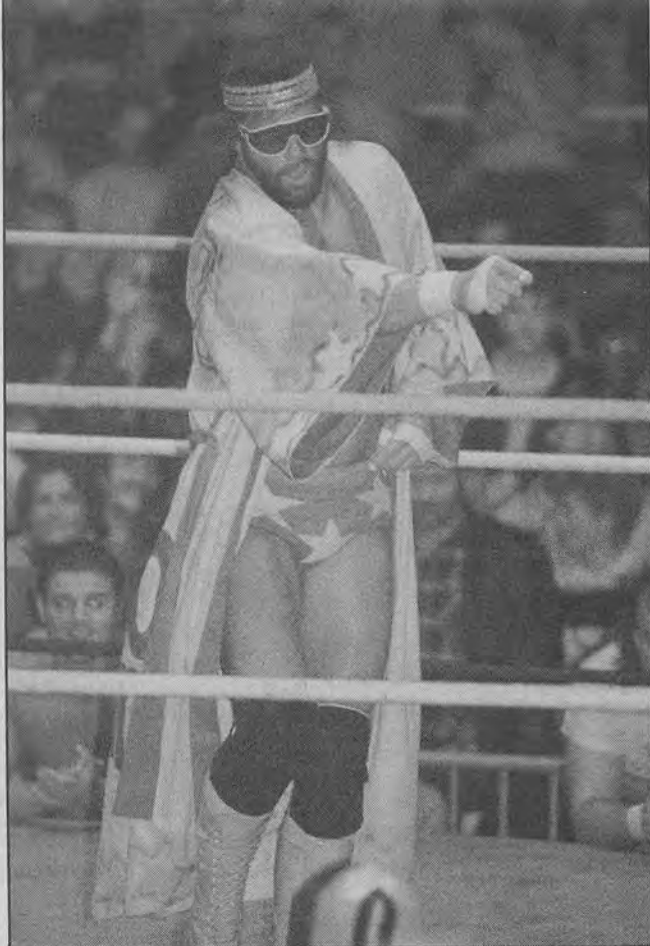
to witness **RICKY STEAMBOAT** against **RIC FLAIR** during Clash of the Champions, Ragin Cajun on April 2. **BUDDY ROGERS**, **LOU THESZ**, **GENE KINISKI**, **DORY FUNK JR.**, **TERRY FUNK**, **PAT O'CONNOR**, and **HARLEY RACE**, along with former NWA promoter **SAM MUSH-NICK** to a special dinner and ringside seats for this event. It brought a touch of nostalgia to this heart.

This is to **BOBBY "THE BRAIN" HEENAN** for getting his first championship in the WWF. It happened during Wrestlemania V, when **RAVISHING RICK RUDE** pinned **THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR** to attain the

Intercontinental Championship. I must admit to my complete lack of confidence on Rude beating Warrior. So I raise my glass to Heenan and Rude.

This is to **DIAMOND DALLAS PAGE** for underestimating **KEN PATERA** and **BRAD RHEINGANS**, **THE OLYMPIANS**, in their AWA World Tag Team Championship victory over **BADD COMPANY**, **PAT TANAKA** and **PAUL DIAMOND**. Yes, Page, you wrote off Patera & Rheingans as nobodies. It

**DUSTY RHODES** is back in Florida for FCW to help lift that group into the limelite once again where it belongs.

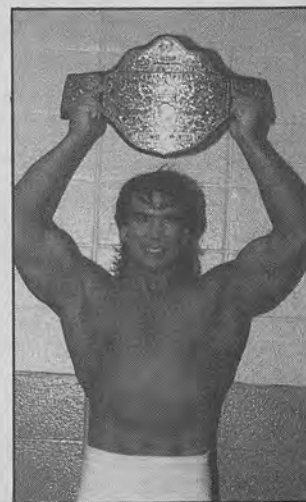


was a drastic mistake on your part. True, Tanaka hit his team partner by mistake, caused him to be pinned, but, you Page, accepted this title defense unprepared.

This is to **DUSTY RHODES** in his new venture in trying to upgrade Florida Championship Wrestling. Big Dust left the NWA after many great and glorious years, to return to the sunshine state, the state of many triumphs for him. Big Dust knows he has a hard uphill climb to put Florida back to where it was in wrestling. Here is wishing you all the very best.

This is to **MR. TED TURNER** and the NWA for their slick WTBS broadcast of Clash of the Champions VI, Ragin Cajun seen on April 2. This card was a freebee presented opposite the Pay-Per-View event of Wrestlemania V. I watched Ragin Cajun first and then the other afterwards. Mr. Turner's

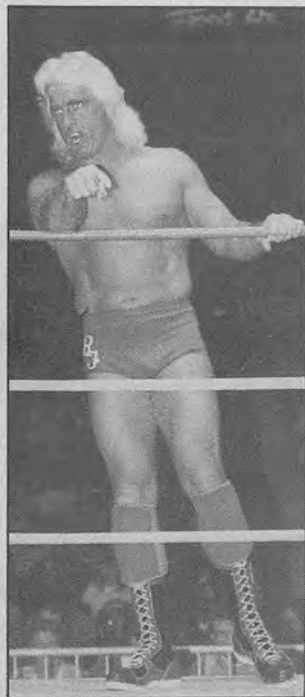
**RANDY "MACHO MAN" SAVAGE** lost his WWF World Championship to **HULK HOGAN** as expected in Wrestlemania V.



Was **RICKY "THE DRAGON" STEAMBOAT** lucky to topple **RIC FLAIR**?

event was the way a star-studded wrestling card should be shown. It had the right touch of special effects to showcase the wrestlers, it had class, along with the right touch of showmanship. The

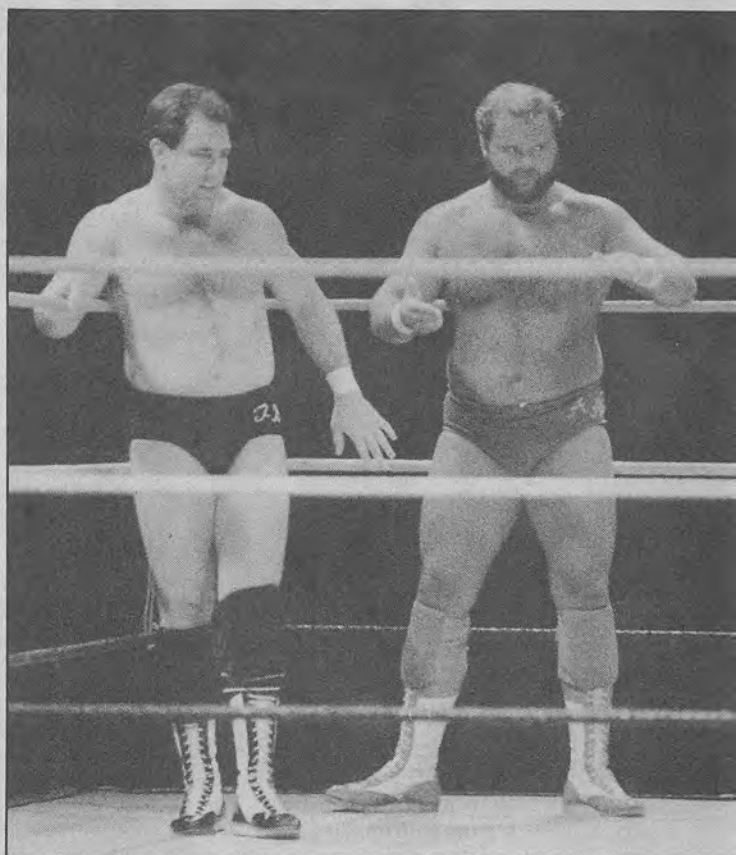
matchups were fairly even, with five championships on the line. Only one title changed hands, that being defending World Tag Team Champions, **THE ROAD WARRIORS** being defeated by **STEVE WILLIAMS & MIKE ROTUNDA**, with help from referee **TEDDY LONG'S** attitude problem. The main event was defending World Heavyweight Champion



**RIC FLAIR** was given a bum count against **RICKY STEAMBOAT** during *Ragin' Cajun*. Arnie says Rick will come back.

**"DRAGON" RICKY STEAMBOAT** defeat former champion **RIC FLAIR**, in a best of three falls, that went some 55 minutes. This title match was worth the price of admission for those who witnessed this card in New Orleans, Louisiana, in person. Mr. Turner and the NWA deserve a standing ovation on a job well done!

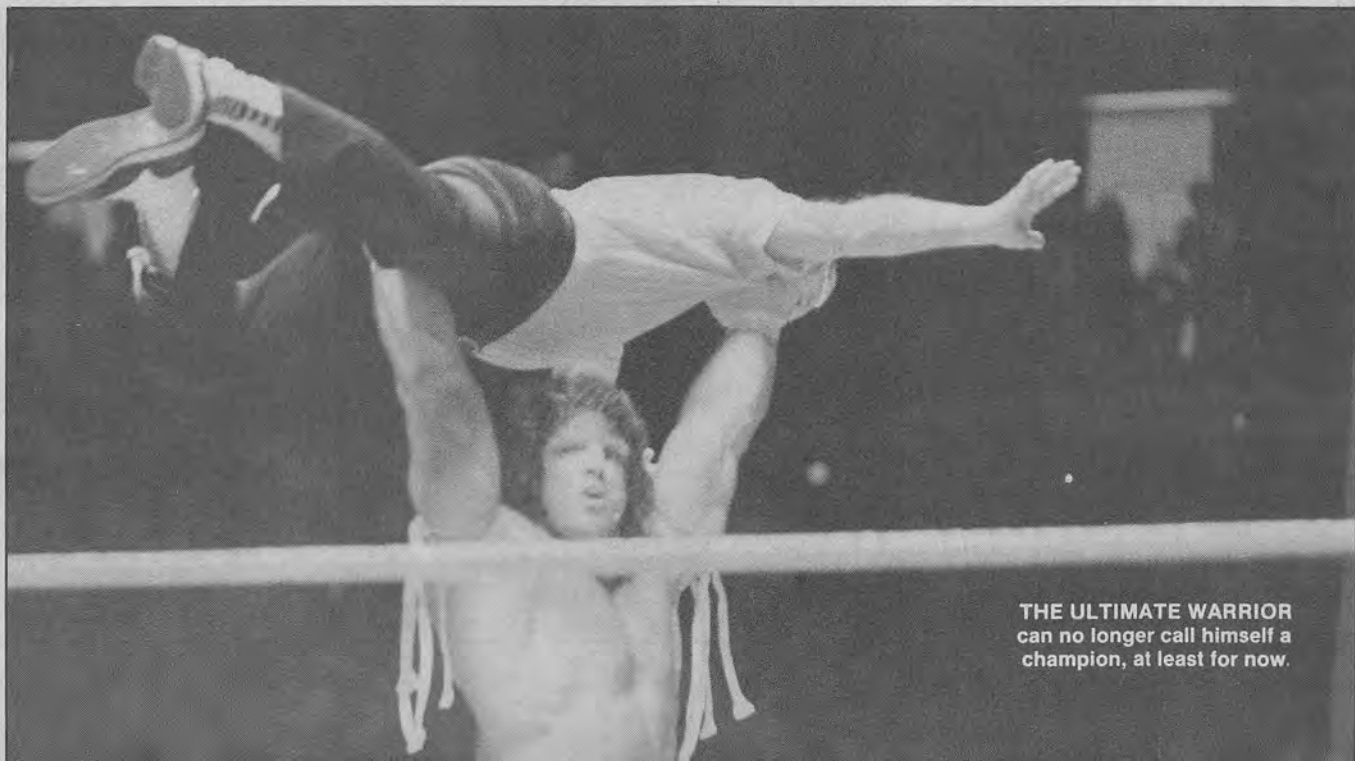
This is to **VINCE McMAHON** and the WWF for their annual *Wrestlemania*. As usual for the WWF, this presentation was star-studded, yet, it lacked the mystique concerning the matchups. As usual, there was the often glitzy showcase surrounding the wrestlers. No real surprises here except **RAVISHING RICK RUDE** winning the Intercontinental Belt from **THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR**, also **RICH MARTEL** running out on his tag team partner **TITO SANTANA** during their match against **TULLY BLANCHARD & ARN ANDERSON**. It was expected that **HULK HOGAN** would vanquish **RANDY SAVAGE** for the World Heavyweight Championship, and so he did. Not surprising was Hogan displaying his muscles afterwards for his *Hulkamaniacs*. As usual



The biggest victory so far for **THE BRAINBUSTERS**, **TULLY & ARN** has been against **THE ROCKERS**.

there was comedy relief provided by a special edition of *Piper's Pit* with **ROWDY RODDY PIPER** and his guests **BROTHER LOVE** and TV talk show host **MORTON DOWNEY JR.** Brother Love showed

up in a Scotsman's kilt, which Piper removed to show Love wearing female underwear. Downey, a heavy cigarette smoker, kept blowing smoke at Piper, who used a fire extinguisher to put out the fire. *Wrestlemania* paled in comparison to *Clash of the Champions*. If you don't know why, you don't know wrestling! ■



**THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR** can no longer call himself a champion, at least for now.



Steve Doll and Scott Peterson once were unified but now are feuding.

***Steve and Scott were more like brothers. They were loved by their fans. Then they split because of a wiley manager. Thankfully, they realized their mistake and are back together again.***

accidental meeting that brought them together.

Each claims Texas as his home state, but that's not where they got acquainted. Instead, fate brought them together in the Northwest. Doll arrived earliest in the territory, and by the time Scott showed up, Steve had already amassed such a strong following that he didn't need or want a partner. However, even before Scott's first Northwest match, a chance encounter in a nearby health club started a chain of events that dramatically affected the course of their careers.

At the time, Steve explained, "I walked into the gym for a workout one day, and Scott was there. He looked like a wrestler to me, so I went up and introduced myself. We started riding to the matches together after that, and the next thing I knew, we were good friends."

Within weeks the Texans decided their grappling styles were highly compatible and, though each was doing well in singles bouts, they teamed up in the ring on a trial basis. That experiment led to formation of the most phenomenally popular tag twosome in the annals of the region's wrestling history: The Southern Rockers.

Northwesterners went wild over them, and everywhere they wrestled, the Rockers drew hundreds of enthusiastic, cheering admirers. When the pair tackled and defeated the Pacific Northwest team titleholders, "Gorgeous" Joey Jackson and the



# FRIENDS OR FOES?

Scott Peterson and Steve Doll exchange heated words as Scotty The Body looks on.

## What's In Store For The Southern Rockers?

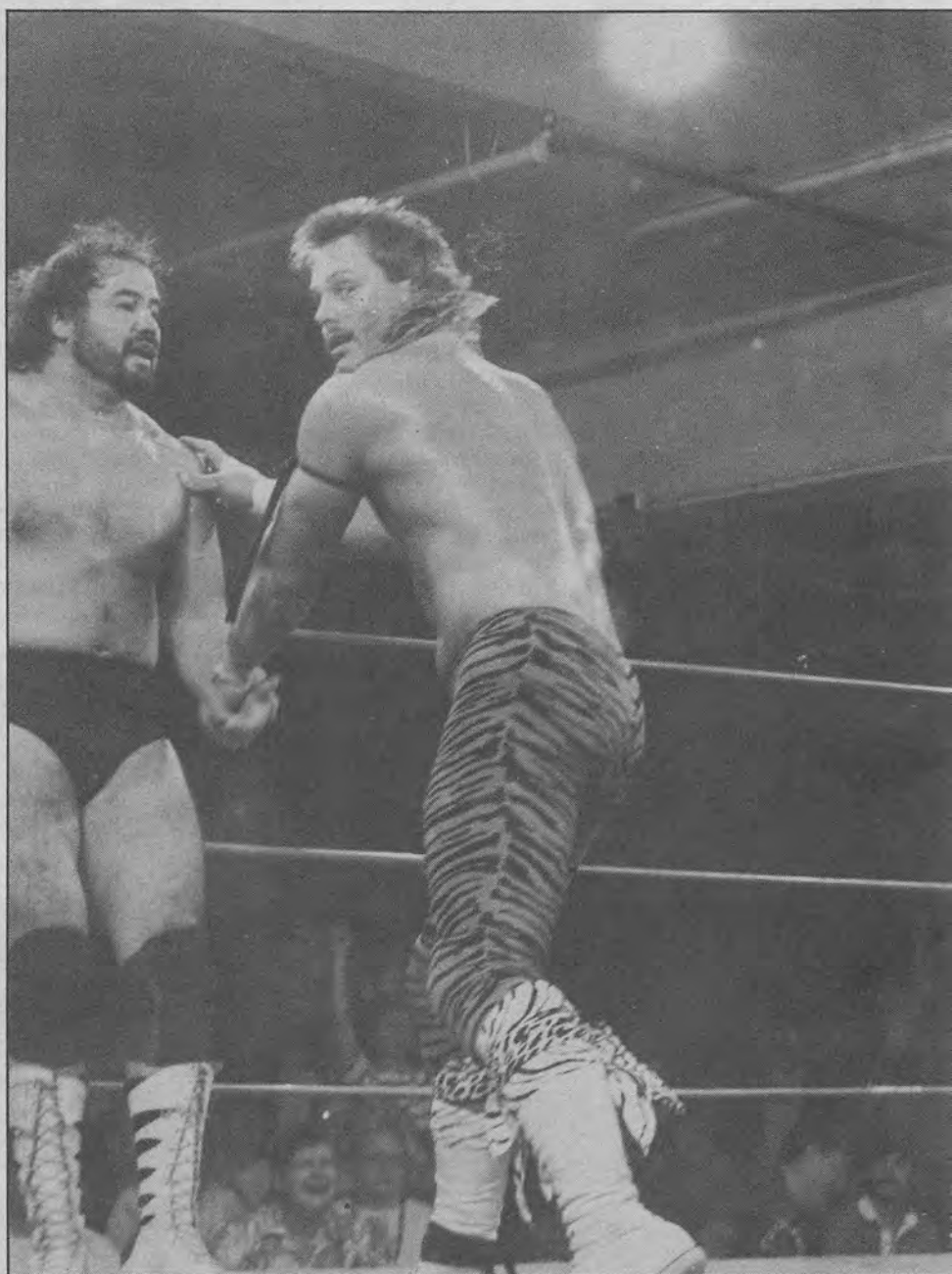
BY E.W. FOX  
PHOTOS BY CINDY SMITH

**T**he Pacific Northwest's hottest young tag duo ever is feuding. And much to ringsiders' dismay, the Southern Rockers are quarreling with each other, not another team. Steve Doll and Scott Peterson have parted company, and their once-harmonious partnership has degenerated to bitter, open warfare: frequent verbal confrontations, punctuated by pummeling fists.

*"I walked into the gym for a workout one day, and Scott was there. He looked like a wrestler to me, so I went up and introduced myself. We started riding to the matches together after that, and the next thing I knew, we were good friends."*

Two years ago, when Doll and Peterson merged their talents, no one would have ever predicted animosity between them. A bright future loomed on their horizon, and in the eyes of wrestling fans the Rockers could do no wrong. The two were riding high, destined for greatness, both grateful for the

Steve Doll and Scott Peterson, The Southern Rockers take charge against Al Madril and The Grappler.



# Southern Rockers

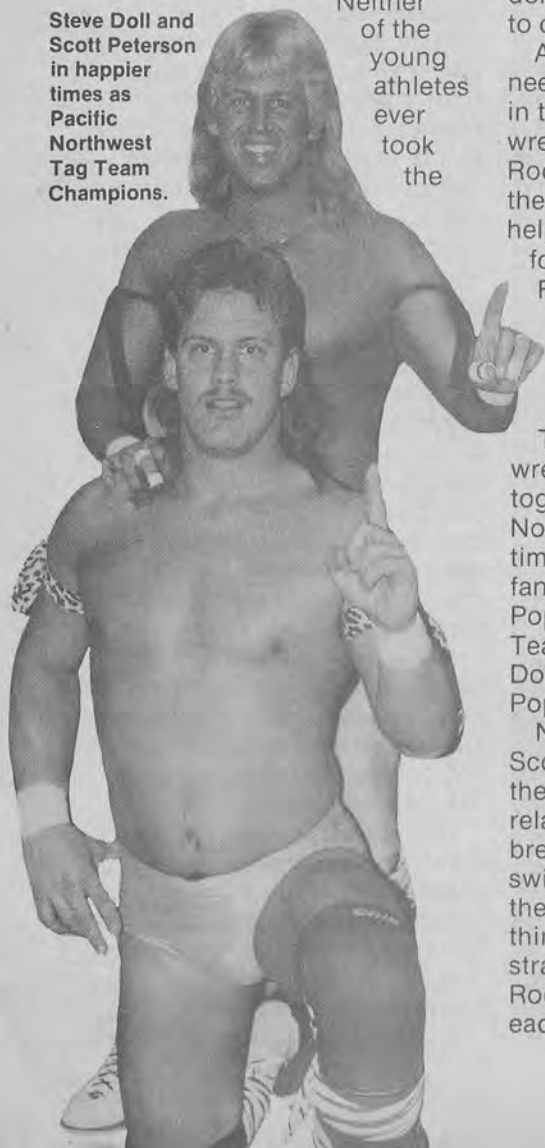
awesome Super Ninja, they won not only the belts but also gained the unofficial designation of "People's Champions."

In the ring, Doll and Peterson wrestled with one mind. Each anticipated the other's moves, giving the team a unique advantage over their opponents. In action, they were a pleasure to the eye: tall, muscular, handsome young athletes who moved with energy and precision, know-how and power.

Surprisingly, the Rockers' sudden emergence into the spotlight had no effect on their egos. Unchanged by their spectacular success, the pair freely mingled with the fans who adored them, happy to sign autographs or pose for pictures.

Steve Doll and Scott Peterson in happier times as Pacific Northwest Tag Team Champions.

Neither of the young athletes ever took the



Arch rival Playboy Buddy Rose tells off Scott Peterson and Steve Doll before the breakup. Scotty The Body is one interested party.

team's popularity for granted. And to show their appreciation for the overwhelming public support, Steve and Scott donated many precious off-hours to community service.

Any individual or organization needing their help had only to get in touch with them—if their wrestling schedule permitted, the Rockers always said yes. During their two-year partnership, the two helped raise thousands of dollars for dozens of worthy causes.

From autograph parties, to wrestling hold demonstrations, to participating in bowl-a-thons, Doll and Peterson were there.

Their accomplishments as wrestlers were outstanding. While together, the Rockers held the Northwest tag team belts six times. And in both 1987 and 1988, fan poll ranked them "Most-Popular Tag Team" and "Tag Team of the Year." In addition, Doll was voted 1988's "Most Popular Wrestler."

No one, least of all Steve and Scott, anticipated a rift in either their professional or personal relationships. But when the breakup came, it was unexpected, swift and apparently final. Worse, the team was split by a malevolent third party, whose deceitful strategies hoodwinked both Rockers into believing the worst of each other.



The troublemaker is a relative newcomer to the Northwest who calls himself "Scotty The Body," a spoiled, vain, vulgar fellow with a warped sense of humor. Just for fun Spotty pulled a series of evil practical jokes on the friends, and they ended up blaming each other instead of the real culprit. One of Scotty's favorite tricks involved sneaking to ringside while the Rockers were concentrating on a team of opponents. When their backs were turned, he would hit Scott, Scott would blame Steve, Steve would deny the blow, the



Scott Peterson has taken Scotty The Body as his friend and the fans don't like it.

two would argue; and Scotty would give himself a pat on the back for achieving the results he wanted.

The Rockers' tempers finally heated to the boiling point, and fans were devastated when their idols took their clash into the ring. But Scotty wasn't satisfied yet. During the conflict, after both Steve and the referee had been knocked to the mat, Scotty downed Peterson from behind with a pair of brass knuckles, then ran to the semiconscious Doll and slipped the illegal hardware over his fingers. Of course, Peterson blamed his former partner for the treacherous blow. Neither observed Scotty in the background, congratulating himself for another successful misdeed.

And so the warfare rages. The best of friends are now the worst of enemies. Steve says, "I'm the

future holds for Steve Doll and Scott Peterson. But an unusual circumstance has teamed them up again, and ringsiders are hoping the Southern Rockers will come to

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their senses and end the bitter feud.

In a random drawing to select partners who will compete in a tournament for the recently vacated Pacific Northwest team



**THE SOUTHERN ROCKERS** get their sweet revenge on **SCOTTY THE BODY**, by ripping off his shirt for starters.

original Southern Rocker, and Scott no longer has a right to the name." Scott claims his former partner is a liar and a backstabber. In the meantime, ringsiders are appaled at the verbal conflict and all-out fights their beloved Southern Rockers are waging against each other, in the ring and out.

No one can predict what the

title, the Rockers' names were paired. And according to contest rules, they must team up or face automatic disqualification. So the Southern Rockers will be together again, at least temporarily.

Although Steve Doll and Scott Peterson were reluctant to accept each other as partners, the luck of the draw had reunited the Southern Rockers for the Pacific Northwest tag team tournament—at least temporarily. And despite their obvious discomfort at being together again the twosome



**THE SOUTHERN ROCKERS** have reunited, regained the PNW Belts and booted trouble maker **Scotty The Body**.

mowed down all opposition, progressing to the title skirmish for a face-off against Nord, The Barbarian and Col. DeBeers—plus an illegal third partner, The Grappler.

The battle for the belts crackled with all the energy of a three-ring circus. And by the time it ended, the Rockers were once again the region's tag team champs. Yet Peterson stubbornly refused to accept the win, leaving the ring without his hardware. "Come back," Doll urged, "and we'll settle this thing right now!"

Ringsiders gasped, expecting the worst. But when Peterson returned and the two confronted each other, the enmity between them dissolved as if it had never existed. The two young athletes shook hands, picked up the championship belts, and the crowd went wild.

Best of all, the Rockers made their reunion official by stripping the troublemaker—Scotty The Body—of both his clothes and his dignity. ■

# FAN-A-MANIA

**C**hampionship Wrestling takes this opportunity to add this column as a regular feature. This column is provided for wrestling fans who wish to correspond ... trade, buy or sell photos; video tapes, or have their bulletins listed. Send mail to: CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING, c/o FAN-A-MANIA; 1115 BROADWAY, 8th floor, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10010.



DAVE CASTELLANO is interested in purchasing programs from Madison Square Garden, years 1970 to 1986. Davis is also interested in video tapes of Steel Cage Matches from MSG, especially of SUPERFLY JIMMY SNUKA vs- MAGNIFICENT MURACO. Phone Dave at 718-651-6897.

DON VALENTI is an avid wrestling fan. He will trade results with all who write. Contact Don at 107-05 80th Street; Ozone Park, N.Y. 11417.

DAN TROUTWINE is 13 years old. His favorites are: Hulk Hogan; Brutus Beefcake; Curt Hennig; British Bulldogs and Demolition. Address is Box 31; Boxholm, Iowa 50040.

STACEY McBRIDE is looking for any photos or video tapes of Fallen Angel. Address is 12962 11th Lane N.; Largo, Florida 33544.

AIMEE FLEURANT; 25521 Margaret Avenue; Moreno Valley, California 92388. Aimee likes Eddie Gilbert; Terry Taylor; Marty Jannetty and Tully Blanchard.

JOHN HERRON; Rt #Box 142; Marble Hill, Missouri 63764. John is 16, and likes women wrestlers, plus Lex Luger; The Rockers; Brutus Beefcake. John wants serious fans to write.

ANGIE PARAVIS is 14 and her favorites are: Kerry Von Erich; Dusty Rhodes; Rick Steiner; Hulk Hogan; Brutus Beefcake and Magnum T.A. Angie is interested in buying photos of Dusty Rhodes. The address is P.O. Box 2; Roberta, Georgia 31078.

DAVID BOOKER likes The Road Warriors; Sting; Lex Luger; Jake Roberts; Terry Taylor; The Bushwhackers; Don Muraco; The Hart Foundation; Hulk Hogan; Big John Studd; Rick Steiner; Demolition. Write to David at 401 First Avenue; So. Toms River, New Jersey.

TERRY DANDANEAU lists Ric Flair; Ted DiBiase; Young Stallions; Barry Windham; Brainbusters; Ultimate Warrior; Midnight Express (Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton); Demolition as favorites. Address is 266 Rue Chasse; Asbestos, Quebec, Canada T1T 2B2. Terry promises to answer all.

BEN CLARK is 11 years old. His favorites are: Lex Luger; Hulk Hogan; Ric Flair; Jake Roberts and Sting; Ultimate Warrior. Write to P.O. Box 515; Lake View, Iowa 51450.

MICHELLE AKENS; 2240 Duchess Drive; St. Louis, Missouri. Her favorites are: Sting; Lex Luger; The Fantastics; Midnight Express and Dusty Rhodes. She prefers guys to write but not especially, ages 15-22.

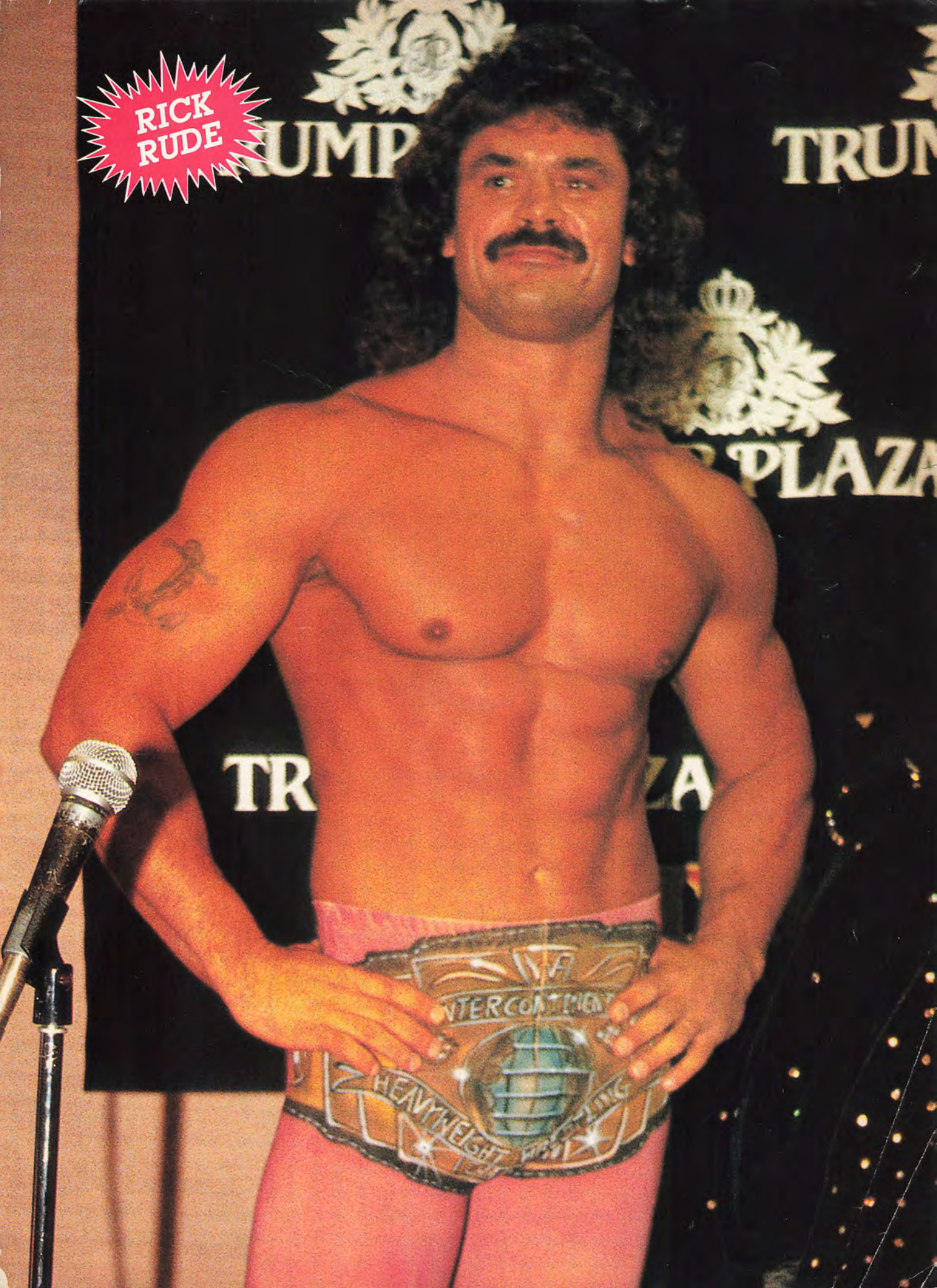
ALLISON PROCTOR; 57 Needle Street; Sussex Corner; New Brunswick, Canada E0E1R0. Allison likes Hulk Hogan; Brutus Beefcake; Kerry Von Erich; Hacksaw Jim Duggan; Demolition and Ultimate Warrior.

JEREMY SCRUGGS wants pics of Gentleman Chris Adams. Address is RT 2, Box 2047; Athens, Texas 75751.

MERLE VAN SICKLE likes wrestling period. So write to Merle at P.O. Box 482; Essex, Iowa 51638.

J.D. Woodall puts out THE PILEDRIVER, a bulletin. For further information write to 1707 Alabama; Big Spring, Texas 79720. This bulletin provides info from various areas, plus mat results. Give this one a try.

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